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Government officials said there's almost no revenue from casino operations on Tinian since April and possibly up to May, resulting in the partial suspension of medical referrals to Saipan and a first-time payless payday today for Tinian municipal employees.

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'Pay up or no further lease talks'

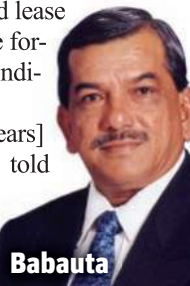
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Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta gave Neo Gold Wings Paradise until June 30, 2011, to make good on its promise to pay its arrears of some \$185,000 in land leases and to make a one-year advance payment. Negotiations to reinstate

the company's expired lease on Tinian won't move forward unless these conditions are met, he said.

"Payment [of arrears] is the key," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

Babauta and other Department of Public Lands offi-



Babauta

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MHS guard killer gets 22 years

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Randy Igisomar, one of three men who bludgeoned a Marianas High School security guard to death in 2008, was sentenced yesterday to 22 years in prison, with possibility of parole.

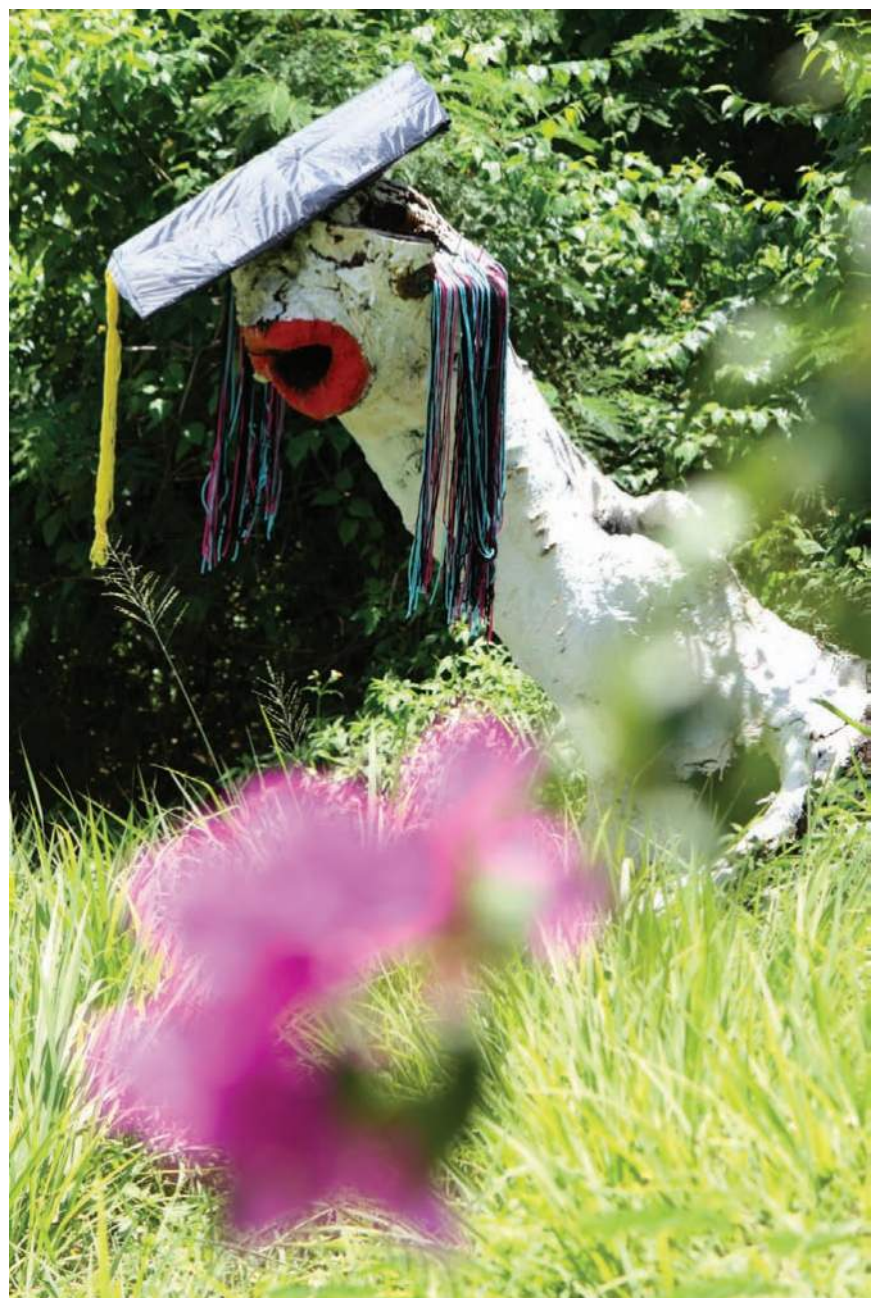
"Do not forget the victim's children. Help them [when you're out]. Because you did promise to take care of them," Superior Court presiding

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GRADUATION SEASON

Capital Hill's famous tree trunk now dons a graduation cap, in keeping with the graduation season. The Northern Marianas College, for example, will confer some 160 associate and bachelor degrees, as well as certificates, during its 31st commencement ceremony tomorrow at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Judge: Jobless umbrella permit holder not deportable

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The U.S. Immigration Court on Saipan has stopped deportation proceedings against a long-term alien worker who

was listed by the Department of Labor as an "overstayer" despite having been granted a conditional umbrella permit.

Immigration Judge Dayna Beamer granted Danilo Rejano's motion to terminate the removal proceedings

against him.

Beamer ruled that Rejano, a Filipino, has demonstrated that he is not removable under either of the charges alleged by DHS.

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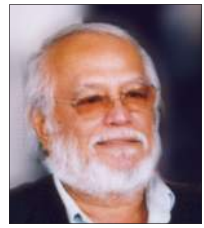
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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) failed to get his controversial local bill to legalize casino gambling on Saipan on the bill calendar of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for immediate voting yesterday.

When Torres introduced Local Bill 17-44 and asked that it be placed in yesterday's bill

calendar for voting, House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan) immediately objected.

Benavente said there should be public hearing on the bill instead of having the measure "rammed



Torres

down" the members' throats again.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) pointed out, though, that the House had already held a series of public hearings a few months ago

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AG: No truth to rumors of firing, rehiring, and threats of resignation

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Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham belied yesterday a published report (not in the *Saipan Tribune*) that claims he fired, then rehired, Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest. He also described as "untrue" allegations that prosecutors had threatened to resign.

Buckingham said that reporters have already asked him about this on Wednesday and that he belied it then.

"I stand by yesterday's statement. Mike Ernest was not fired," Buckingham told *Saipan Tribune*.

Saipan Tribune had asked Ernest about the matter on Wednesday via e-mail, but he did not reply. He was at a court hearing that afternoon.

Buckingham said that both his and the chief prosecutor's jobs are intense and stressful.

"We care about the issues and are each strong-willed. I do not want people who are afraid to speak their mind. There are times when discussions that could be characterized as 'intense' occur. That's part of the job," he pointed out.

Beyond that, Buckingham said, personnel management within the Office of the Attorney General is something that should be discussed publicly.

When pressed if Ernest did file his resignation, Buckingham replied, "No."

As to how the "firing" rumor got started, Buckingham said some people just like drama and conflict.

"We have in the OAG responsibility to serve the public in both civil and criminal areas. These are not easy. They are complex and we often have different perspectives," he said. "To some, this may be perceived as 'conflict,' but this is just part of our job. ... My job is not to be liked. My job is to do my job. And so is the chief prosecutor's job."

Buckingham also belied the report that prosecutors had threatened to resign "en masse" if he did not rehire Ernest. He said he met with the prosecutors and support staff of the OAG's Criminal Division on Wednesday afternoon, together with Ernest.

"I did hear that people felt that they would like to feel more secure," he said.

Buckingham said his response was that part of the job of being AG and chief prosecutor is to uphold performance standards. He said the standards that have been adopted are higher than in the past.

"I do not apologize for setting and holding people accountable to standards. Indeed, I want our standards to be made higher in the future," Buckingham added.



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on a similar measure—albeit a House bill and not a local bill—legalizing casino operation on Saipan.

“We conducted thorough public hearings on [Rep. Froilan] Tenorio’s bill. I don’t see a reason why we need further [public hearings],” Basa said during the 21-member delegation session, where only Tenorio was the absent member.

Even without Tenorio, who is off-island, some members believe the local casino bill would’ve passed had it been put to a vote yesterday.

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) and Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said that public input is needed for such a “controversial” and “sensitive” issue.

“Hold public hearings just for the Third Senatorial District. We don’t want a repeat of having a bill rammed down our throats. Again some members are trying to circumvent the law just so we can pass casino legislation. I ask you to refer this to the proper committees,” Dela Cruz said at the session.

At this point, Torres restat-

ed his request to have his bill placed on the bill calendar for action. Some members said that doing so would preclude public hearings.

Delegation chair Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said the discussions have gone out of order because Torres was supposed to only introduce a bill. Moreover, Torres only made a “request,” and not a “motion,” Tebuteb said.

Tebuteb referred the bill to both the delegation committees on Judiciary and Government Operations, and Ways and Means.

Delegation JGO chair Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) and Ways and Means chair Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) separately said they will have a joint meeting on Monday to finalize the schedule for the public hearings on the local casino bill.

Palacios said the public hearings will be held in all of

Saipan’s precincts.

The delegation session came a day after Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) wrote to delegation chairman Tebuteb, saying the Senate will bring “legal action” against the delegation if it passes the bill.

Manglona, after consulting with the Senate legal counsel,

cited Article 21 of the Commonwealth Constitution. This provision states: “Gambling is prohibited in the Northern Mariana Islands except as provided by Commonwealth law or established through initiative in the Commonwealth or in any senatorial district.”

Meanwhile, a legal opinion

penned by House legal counsels Joe Tajeron and John Cool concluded that Article 21 and Article 2 Section 6 of the Constitution independently demonstrate that HLB 17-44 “is a legal and proper Act under the laws of the Commonwealth and therefore this bill, if signed into law, should with-

stand legal scrutiny.”

The Senate supports having the casino bill decided by Saipan voters. The Senate killed last year a House bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan, prompting Torres to introduce a local bill instead so that it won’t have to go to the Senate for action.

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Hyatt's new F&B chief remains optimistic about Saipan

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The new food and beverage director of Hyatt Regency Saipan, the only internationally branded hotel on island, believes in Saipan's potential to hurdle the deep economic crisis that has the CNMI in its grip.

"It's a fantastic island. I believe in it, I believe in its future. I believe we can do great things here," said Michael Wilson in an interview yesterday at Kili Café & Terrace.

Originally from Adelaide, Australia, Wilson started his career with the Hyatt brand in July 2005 when he was the catering manager at Hyatt Hotel Canberra before moving to Saipan in March 2009 to work as assistant F&B director.

On May 11, Wilson was appointed F&B director, replacing Ranjeet Rajebhosale who will relocate to Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila after over four

years of service at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Wilson received his food and beverage training at the Savoy in London and also gained experience in other European countries such as Switzerland and Italy.



Wilson

According to Wilson, he views the current economic situation of the Commonwealth as an opportunity.

"I see that as an opportunity to work harder for our customers and for each other to become better in what we do," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Having worked in other resort hotels, Wilson maintains that Hyatt Regency Saipan differs in that it has a feel of family to it. "Most of the staff have been here for a very long time," said Wilson. "Because of their length of service and experience, they're very important to this team."

Wilson said the 53-member F&B team is the "most important asset" of the department and vowed to work

alongside them, including Executive Chef Gabriele Colombo, to satisfy Hyatt's loyal clientele consistently.

"I guarantee them great food through our famous Sunday brunch and our great Miyako lunch," he added.

Wilson said he is proud to be associated with Saipan's tourism industry but noted that rebuilding the industry would not be easy.

"That's the biggest challenge we have that could be addressed by coming up with exciting deals for our patrons," he said.

In fact, Wilson said, they are already gearing up for a number of special events, including the Father's Day celebration in June, Fourth of July festivities, and the popular Oktoberfest bash.

As the new F&B director, Wilson said he will remain steadfast in Hyatt's commitment to authentic hospitality and exceeding expectations for its customers.

"Hyatt Regency Saipan is a little touch of luxury at very competitive prices. I look forward to welcoming everybody to the Hyatt with open arms."

JUDGE

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Rejano's lawyer, Stephen Woodruff, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the significance of the court's decision is that Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham's grant of status to so-called "overstayers" has full force and effect for all persons on that list.

Woodruff said this is notwithstanding the CNMI's decision not to further process the individuals on the list (and thus not to enforce the conditions).

"This is notwithstanding post-federalization attempts by some in the CNMI government to weasel out of that action (and to attempt to continue to assert immigration authority after Congress had expressly taken that authority away)," the lawyer said.

Beamer ruled that the Department of Homeland Security does not effectively rebut Rejano's evidence that showed he was granted an umbrella permit that is still in effect.

The evidence refers to a document dated Nov. 25, 2009, from Buckingham that contains a list of names of individuals granted conditional umbrella permits. Rejano's name appears on that list.

The judge pointed out that DHS failed to provide a joint statement about Labor's denial of issuing conditional umbrella permits.

Beamer said the list of names on Labor's Certification of Illegal Status document was authored well after Nov. 28, 2009, when the federalization law took effect and was not otherwise verified as being accurate.

According to court records, the DHS served Rejano with a notice on Nov. 30, 2009, charging him as a removable alien who is present in the U.S. without having been admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the U.S. at any time or place other than as designated by the AG.

The charging document was filed on Dec. 4, 2009, with the Saipan Immigra-

tion Court.

DHS later added more charges against Rejano "as an immigrant who, at the time of application for admission, is not in possession of a valid unexpired immigrant visa, re-entry permit, border crossing card, or other suitable travel document."

Rejano, through Woodruff, filed Buckingham's list of individuals who've been granted conditional umbrella permits to prove he has a legal status in the CNMI.

DHS later submitted Labor's list of "aliens admitted to the CNMI for purposes of employment who are in illegal status" as of March 9, 2010. Rejano's name was on the list.

DHS also submitted *Saipan Tribune* news articles stating that Labor never issued conditional umbrella permits.

In her decision, Judge Beamer said the law does not state that an alien found to be present in the CNMI must have been inspected by a U.S. Immigration officer, but only that an alien must be admitted or paroled by an authority designated by the AG.

Beamer said convincing evidence shows Rejano was admitted to the CNMI.

When Rejano entered the CNMI in 1990, Beamer said, the authority designated by the AG to handle immigration on Saipan was the CNMI government.

"Moreover, the CNRA [Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008] explicitly states that 'no alien who is lawfully present in the Commonwealth pursuant to the immigration laws of the Commonwealth on the transition program effective date shall be removed from the United States on the grounds that such alien's presence in the Commonwealth is in violation of section 212(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act...'" the judge said.

Beamer agreed with Woodruff that Rejano is not an intending immigrant and that he was granted an umbrella permit which constitutes a valid entry document under the INA.

have to communicate with us, and not leave us in the dark and not pay your obligations," he said in a phone interview.

Dela Cruz said, though, that he doesn't necessarily agree with requiring Neo Gold Wings to also have a \$3 million security deposit.

"That \$3 million can be used for startup. This is also a good opportunity to leverage our land. For example, we could do away with public land lease during the time of actual construction, and resume when the project is already built," he said.

Just like Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Dela Cruz also asked Neo Gold Wings to accelerate its plan to build a \$1.6 billion to \$3 billion casino resort project on Tinian.

"We are fortunate that there are investors knocking on our doors but we don't want to spend a lot of time talking to investors without money," he said.

On Wednesday, Neo Gold Wings introduced to CNMI government officials its new investment partners from Korea, China, and the U.S. for their planned projects that include a "six-star" casino hotel and resort, a theme park, and a 36-hole golf course on Tinian.

Among Neo Gold Wings' investment partners are Hyundai IT Co. Ltd., KDA Group of China, German Hacker, England Vitaller, Woo Dy IT National Co. Ltd., Lusenes Real Estate Co. Ltd., and Beijing Huagao Yongdao Investment Consulting Co. Ltd.

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judge Robert Naraja told the 19-year-old Igisomar.

Describing the murder of security guard Efrén Ballesteros as a horrific crime, Naraja said it was a tragedy for both the families of the victim and all three defendants in the case.

Naraja gave Igisomar credit for the time he had already served in jail since his arrest in November 2008.

After serving his sentence, Igisomar will be placed on 20 years of supervised probation and will be required to pay restitution to the victim's family, a \$10,000 fine, \$2,000 probation fee, and \$100 court assessment fee.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher pointed out that since it is a homicide case, Igisomar would not be eligible for parole for 10 years.

Naraja noted that Igisomar's father abandoned him as a child, and that the

defendant is a special education child and has alcohol and illegal drug problems.

Talking to reporters after the sentencing, chief public defender Adam Hardwicke, counsel for Igisomar, said he respects the court's decision.

Hardwicke said he is also happy that the court had recommended that Igisomar be kept at the Juvenile Detention Unit as he is a special education student.

Hardwicke said that Igisomar has cognitive deficiencies and was diagnosed with three personality disorders. Hardwicke said the doctor that made the diagnosis had recommended that Igisomar be treated as a juvenile and not an adult.

"And that was acknowledged in the plea offer presented by the government," Hardwicke said.

Assistant attorney general Gallagher said they're glad to see the case resolved. "We are pleased with the sentence that the judge imposed," he said.

On the parole eligibility issue, Gallagher said the law requires Igisomar to serve 10 years before becoming eligible for parole, "which means he must serve 10 years."

Ballesteros was found dead at the MHS campus and his wallet containing \$300 cash was reportedly stolen, along with his wristwatch. He left behind a wife and two children on Saipan.

Police said the defendants attacked Ballesteros with a piece of wood, a PVC pipe, and a rebar on or about Nov. 17 or 18, 2008. The defendants, who were intoxicated and on marijuana and "ice," later broke into several classrooms at MHS where they stole laptops and cash.

All defendants pleaded guilty to first-degree murder as part of a plea deal.

Last Jan. 6, Eric Rabauliman was sentenced to 26 years in prison, with possibility of parole. Edward Blas was sentenced on Feb. 1, 2011, to 24 years in prison, also with possibility of parole.

CASINO

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While they know that casino revenue has been on a decline, members of the Tinian and Aguigan Legislative Delegation, especially Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), are surprised that it has come to a point where it's almost zero in a month.

He said he would like the Tinian municipality to provide the delegation with a monthly report on the amount of revenue collected from the casino industry.

Only Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino currently operates on Tinian.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) also said revenue could be down to zero, forcing the municipality to suspend some programs.

Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) said municipal employees may not get paid until June, unless collections improve soon.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, in a phone interview, confirmed yesterday that today would be the first time during his term as mayor that Tinian municipal employees will not get their paychecks either on time or in full amount.

"Maybe they will get their checks a week later," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Among those affected are employees of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, which rely on casino revenue for payroll and operations.

"The casino didn't make money in April. It's zero. If they didn't make money, then that means we don't collect revenue from them," he added.

The mayor said an average of \$100,000 a month is collected from casino revenue.

He expects collection to improve in the latter part of May.

Tinian lawmakers said the average payroll cost for municipal employees is \$48,000 every two weeks.

Dela Cruz said they also issued a public notice on the suspension of medical referrals to Saipan including for dental and pregnancy checks, except for emergency situations.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the Tinian delegation, which he chairs, is looking at the situation.

He said the delegation's passage on Wednesday of a local bill appropriating \$8,000 for Tinian medical referral

patients and the monthly subsistence allowance for certain Tinian patients is one way to help make up for a casino revenue shortage.

Delayed payroll for non-critical employees

It's not only Tinian municipal employees who won't get paid today, but hundreds of others of CNMI central government employees as well.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and press secretary Angel Demapan said that only so-called critical government employees will get their paychecks this week, along with federally funded employees and those working at the Public School System.

Demapan said non-critical government employees will get paid next week.

Since June 2010, the government has been delayed at least 14 times in the issuance of paychecks for non-critical employees.

The government needs some \$4 million every payroll.

Most of those with delayed wages are also subject to a 16-hour cut bi-weekly as part of the administration's cost cutting measures.

Legislative staff heads for the beach

For the first time since austerity Fridays started in October, the Legislature will be closed today as lawmakers, their staff, and the Legislative Bureau will be at a staff appreciation party at Laly 4 Beach in Chalan Kanoa.

Lawmakers said they will be spending their own money for the staff appreciation day, and no government funding will be used.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) said this is a time set aside for lawmakers to give thanks to their staff and bureau employees.

Crisostimo said he will be bringing three cases of sodas.

"And we will be saving money at the Legislature on austerity Friday because we would be turning off the lights, the aircon, the water," he said.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said he will be bringing bottled water, while Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) said he will take care of paper plates, paper cups, plastic spoons and forks.

"Lawmakers will be the one to do most of the work like doing the barbecue," Palacios said.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said lawmakers are blessed with hardworking and dedicated

staffers and LB employees whose services are sometimes taken for granted.

"That's why this day is for them," he said, adding that he will be bringing baby back ribs for barbecue.

LB director Glenna SP. Reyes said the day will also be an opportunity for team building.

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) will be bringing sodas as well, while Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) said he will bring chicken for the barbecue and water.

Potato salad will be contributed by Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan). *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

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Pangelinan, Muña declared *man'amko* king and queen



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2011 *Man'amko* King Jesus Pangelinan and Queen Siyau Muña pose with their royal court after the Conference on Aging yesterday at Aqua Resort Club. Over \$5,000 had been raised from the fundraising event. The *Man'amko* King & Queen Coronation Ball will be held on May 27.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

After all tickets were counted,
Jesus Pangelinan and Siyau

Muña emerged as this year's
Man'amko King & Queen
Fundraiser winners.

Pangelinan and Muña, who
bested eight candidates for King

& Queen, were declared win-
ners during the Conference on
Aging at Aqua Resort Club in
Achugao yesterday.

Jose Torres and Meryalen

Conrad were named Royal
Prince and Princess.

Pangelinan said he sold close
to \$1,000 worth of tickets.

"I'm so fortunate because
I have a lot of friends who
bought my tickets," he told
Saipan Tribune.

Pangelinan, however, ex-
pressed disappointment because
some of the candidates didn't
sell many tickets.

"I'm disappointed because
they didn't even put in any ef-
fort. They don't realize that our
ticket sales will go to all of us
and will benefit everybody, no
matter who sold them," he said.

Muña said she was surprised
when her name was called as
the 2011 *Man'amko* Queen.

"I was still touching my purse
when they called out my name.
I'm so happy," she said.

Muña recounted how she
excused herself from the Ag-
ing Center a day after being
included on the list of Queen
candidates.

"I really went to Capital Hill
to sell my tickets to the different
offices there," she said.

Teresita Sorroza, Saipan Se-
niors Advisory Council chair,
said they raised over \$5,000
from the *Man'amko* King &
Queen ticket sales.

"We were not able to reach our
quota of \$10,000. But with the
state of our economy, of course
we understand why we sold [few-
er] tickets this year compared to
last year. I know our candidates
did their best," she said.

The coronation ball for the
Man'amko King & Queen will
be held on May 27, the venue
for which will be announced
soon, said Sorroza.

The raffle draw for the prizes
will be held on June 1 at the Ag-
ing Center.

Other *Man'amko* King and
Queen candidates were Robert
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Manuel Mesa, Pacita Angeles,
Isabel Bodiogay, Hermene Fais-
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USCIS launches I-9 Central on USCIS.gov

»Online resource provides enhanced, easy-to-access guide for employers, employees

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service launched yesterday the I-9 Central, a new online resource center dedicated to the most frequently accessed form on USCIS.gov: Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification. This free, easy-to-use website builds on recent employment-related enhancement by providing employers and employees simple one-click access to resource, tips, and guidance to properly complete Form I-9 and better understand the Form I-9 process.

"I-9 Central is the latest in our ongoing efforts to better serve the 7.5 million employers who use Form I-9 every time they hire an

employee," said USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas. "It provides critical information for all employers—whether they hire a single employee or hundreds—in an accessible, intuitive and comprehensive online format."

The launch of I-9 Central follows the introduction of other important USCIS employment-related resources. These resources include E-Verify Self Check, a service launched in March that allows workers and job seekers in the United States to check their own employment eligibility status online, and an updated "Handbook for Employers: Instructions for Completing Form I-9 (M-274)"

published earlier this year.

I-9 Central includes sections about employer and employee rights and responsibilities, step-by-step instructions for completing the form, and information on acceptable documents for establishing identity and employment authorization. I-9 Central also includes a discussion of common mistakes to avoid when completing the form, guidance on how to correct errors, and answers to employers' recent questions about the Form I-9 process.

I-9 Central complements existing Form I-9 resources including the current Form I-9 Web page, the form instruc-

tions, and the above referenced "Handbook for Employers." USCIS also offers free webinars on completing Form I-9.

By law, U.S. employers must verify the identity and employment authorization for every worker they hire after Nov. 6, 1986, regardless of the employee's immigration status. To comply with the law, employers must complete Form I-9.

Visit link to I-9 Central at www.uscis.gov/I-9central. For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit www.uscis.gov or follow us on Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis) and the USCIS blog *The Beacon*. (USCIS)

Mendiola, Mersai to receive NMC Student Leadership Awards

The Northern Marianas College has announced that the prestigious Student Leadership Award will be presented to Amber Mendiola and Katherine Mersai at the 31st commencement ceremony tomorrow, May 21, 2011, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Mendiola and Mersai were chosen to receive the Student Leadership Award for their leadership skills, active participation in community events, and excellent services to the college's student organizations.

Mendiola will be earning her associate degree in Liberal Arts. Her accomplishments include participating in Service Learning projects in which she did research for two semesters where she worked with NMC Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service program and produced documentaries based on the research. She has also been a College Access Challenge Project ambassador, as well as a Disability Support Services ambassador, where she tutors and mentors students with disabilities.

"It [receiving the award] makes



Mendiola

me feel appreciated and it's great to be recognized for all the hard work I do at NMC, as well as for the community," said Mendiola. "I'm thankful that people took the time to actually nominate me because it shows that they are proud of me, trust me, and see me as a good leader."

In addition, Mendiola is the president and co-founder of the only music club at NMC, PROA Music Society. She and three other students founded the club during the fall 2010 semester and have performed at events like "Fight Night" and Charter Day.



Mersai

Mersai will also be earning her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at the upcoming graduation ceremony. Mersai has served as the president of the 2011 NMC graduating class in which she worked with graduation candidates and a committee to make the ceremony a memorable experience. She has also been involved in the community as a volunteer in the AmeriCorps program in which she tutored elementary and high school students.

"It's always a nice feeling when someone recognizes an

individual for their hard work," said Mersai. "I feel grateful and flattered because I never expected to be a recipient of this prestigious award; even to be nominated was such an honor."

Mersai was also inducted as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, which is an organization that recognizes students at two-year colleges for their academic excellence and dedication to serving the community. She was also one of seven recipients of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan Scholarship last year.

"Amber and Katherine's hard work and dedication to the college and the community has not gone unnoticed, and we are very proud of them for earning this award," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera.

The college is expecting to graduate over a hundred students tomorrow at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The keynote speakers selected by the graduation candidates are NMC administrators Geri Willis and Barbara Merfalen. (NMC)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 20, 1999

Teno earmarks funding to resume repatriation program

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday moved to resume the government's repatriation program which has been suspended temporarily because of funding problem, setting aside \$75,000 for plane tickets and awarded monetary damages of 29 nonresidents workers who are due for departure. The Department of Labor and Immigration has put on hold the program for displaced foreign workers as money earmarked to compensate them has been used by the island government for some 500 illegal Chinese immigrants taking refuge on Tinian.

\$60 M bond float for CIP under AGO review

A plan by the government to borrow between \$30 million to \$60 million for its capital improvement projects gained ground yesterday after the Attorney General's Office stepped in to review its legality. House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Karl T. Reyes said the review will determine the exact amount of bonds to be floated and the extent of projects to be funded. Once the legal questions are cleared, it is more than likely that the government will begin the process of choosing which investments firm will handle the bond flotation. "If we get clearance from the AG, yes it's a sure thing," Reyes said in an interview after meeting yesterday with Mike Sablan, head of the government CIP task force, as well as representatives from the attorney general.

May 20, 2002

Babauta bares budget plan to public

Living up to its promise of making governance transparent, the Babauta administration is making its fiscal year 2003 spending plan available to the public. In a statement faxed to media offices, the Public Information and Protocol Office announced that the administration budget is now available to the public and taxpayers are being encouraged to review the CNMI government's priorities. For those who want to give the proposed spending plan a once-over, the statement said it may be viewed or copies of it may be obtained at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and the Northern Marianas College Library. "All taxpayers and students should have access to this information to see how the priorities of our administration are reflected in the fiscal year 2003 budget," said Gov. Juan N. Babauta.

MPLA seeks part in govt's suit vs BoS

Bank of Saipan's largest government depositor, the Marianas Public Lands Authority, is seeking inclusion in the government's pending civil action suit against the crisis-torn bank, as co-plaintiff of the Acting Commerce Secretary and CNMI Director of Banking. The MPLA, through counsel Alan L. Lane, filed before the Superior Court a motion to intervene Friday, requesting to become a co-party in the case so that it may receive notice, information and have voice over the future legal proceedings affecting the agency's substantial deposits, recorded at over \$8 million. The independent public corporation holds seven BoS certificates of deposits with a total face value of \$8.135 million, excluding accrued interest.

May 20, 2003

Medicaid eyes open-ended funding

CNMI Medicaid administrator Helen Sablan hopes for the immediate passage of a U.S. bill that aims to remove the cap on Medicaid payments and to adjust the statutory matching rate to 77-23 for U.S. territories, including the CNMI. "The local government absorbs a lot of the expenses. We're getting capped funding unlike in the states, which is open-ended. They can spend millions of dollars," she said. Sablan said that the pending bill, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last February, seeks the removal of the cap and to make funding open-ended. The bill also aims to change the matching rate from 50-50, to 77-23.

BOE to reprogram funding for Anatahan school project

The Board of Education plans to redirect the funding allocated this fiscal year for the construction of a school on Anatahan to another project, following the recent eruption on the island. "We need to redirect the funds for the current fiscal year. We'd certainly use it for other priority projects," BOE chairman Herman T. Guerrero said. He said it would be impractical to even consider what the Legislature has reportedly agreed on, which is to move the school project to Pagan, since both Pagan and Anatahan are unsafe for the public.

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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

- RMI Quarry - CRM Reference No. SMS-2011-X-030
 - Permit application/summary by CRMO
 - Discussion of permit application by CRM Agencies/CRMO
 - Application status determination (CRM Agencies/CRM)

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Agency Officials may vote to meet in executive session.

/s/ Rita C. Chong-Dela Cruz
CRM Administrator

CNMI kicks off Safe Boating Week activities

Sunday marked the beginning of the 2011 Safe Boating Week campaign for the Northern Mariana Islands, which runs through Memorial Day Weekend throughout the United States, its territories, and the CNMI.

Saipan's Department of Public Safety and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Saipan personnel examined recreational boats at the Garapan Fishing Base on Wednesday and at Lower Base on Thursday as part of National Safe Boating Week.

DPS Boating Safety and the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at Smiling Cove Marina today and Saturday, from 8am to 12pm, to answer questions and conduct vessel safety checks for recreational boaters.

General safety gear such as lifejackets, fire extinguishers, distress signals, and VHF radios are checked during these free examinations.

For more information on Safe Boating Week and general boating safety, contact DPS Boating

Safety Division at (670) 664-9180, the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Saipan at (670) 236-2969, or visit the Coast Guard's boating safety website at www.uscgboating.org. (USCG)

Auxiliarist Brian Stroup and Department of Public Safety officer Jesse Stole conduct a courtesy safety check for boater Maganiel Yunting. Photo by Lt. John Peterson, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment supervisor.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Army Reserve to host TRICARE town hall on Saipan

The 9th Mission Support Command's Theater Support Group is scheduled to host a TRICARE town hall meeting for TRICARE beneficiaries on May 21, at 10am, at the American Memorial Park Theater.

All service members, retirees, and family members are invited to attend.

Highlights for this town hall include information about the TRICARE Young Adult Program; new form changes for making TRICARE Reserve Select/TRICARE Retired Reserve payments; reconsideration request forms for TRICARE Re-

serve Select/TRICARE Retired Reserve; the ability of beneficiaries to submit claims online; and the dental program for both reservists and retirees.

As in the past, the TRICARE Pacific Headquarters in Okinawa, Japan, will send one of its customer service representatives to provide detailed information.

After the presentations, the TRICARE representative will be available to meet one-on-one, by appointment, to discuss any further support needed from TRICARE.

Contact Staff Sgt. Henry Pangelinan or Sgt. 1st Class

Berta Tudela at the U.S. Army Reserve Center at (670) 322-4167 to schedule an appointment. (9th Mission Support Command)

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By ED PROPST

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Wednesday evening, my wife Daisy and I attended the public hearing on the Marpi power poles along with our 6-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son. While it may seem out of the ordinary to some to bring such young children to attend a forum intended for adults, both Daisy and I want our children to be exposed to this very healthy democratic process in which community members participate and discuss issues affecting our islands.

I was deeply moved by some of the testimonials given by community members on both sides of the issue and applaud everyone who showed up and spoke. A public forum only works when you have different views being exchanged, and this definitely took place Wednesday evening.

One of the most moving testimonials was given by Mr. Lino Olopai, a well-respected leader and elder who presented his points in Refaluwasch, Chamorro, and English, so that everyone who attended would clearly understand his points of view. In a very measured, eloquent, and respectful tone, he spoke about tradition and cultural values, and one very important word: *planning*. What Marpi and the rest of our islands need as much as a public hearing is a plan. Mr. Olopai addressed our leaders and asked them, "Where is our plan?" A mere summary is insufficient to capture Mr. Olopai's moving testimonial, but I do hope it can be transcribed in all three languages so that we can all read it in its entirety. Mr. Olopai, thank you for your words of wisdom.

While the evening was highlighted by some notable testimonials on both sides, what was disturbing and hurtful were some of the words and phrases used by a few speakers, such as "us versus them" and "us locals" and "outsiders." We came together as a community last night, so it was a shame to hear divisive terms being used, which seem to do nothing but alienate members of our community. I was impressed by a couple of gentlemen who pointed out how wrong that was. Thank you to Mr. Muña and Mr. White for reminding us that we are all in this together.

If you are a productive member of our community and you truly love our islands, does it really matter where you come from or how much indigenous blood you have running through your veins? We must realize, in this day and age, that people are people. We all bleed the same color. We come in different colors, shapes, and sizes. What should matter to us above everything else is a person's character.

There were some Marpi landowners who were in support of the power poles because they want power. Who can blame them? They absolutely deserve power, much like those living along Egigi Road on Capital Hill, who to this day have no electricity. Mr. Kaipat and other Marpi landowners also deserve water.

The problem is, the initial purpose of these power poles was not about bringing power to those who live in Marpi, as Tina Sablan pointed out. This power pole project is being federally funded to bring in power specifically to the public cemetery to run a few lights, some sprinklers, and a water pump for the bathroom. It has been proven that a standalone generator can take care of these minimal power needs for the public cemetery. How has it been proven? Everything is being run right now by the contractor's generator. So why do we need these huge, ugly power poles defacing sacred Marpi when a small generator, at a fraction of the cost, would suffice? This is the same as killing an ant with a bulldozer. It is *overkill*.

Let's be honest. There were no initial public hearings discussing these power poles and those who wanted public hearings to discuss the power poles were completely ignored until, of course, a

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The IMF, sex and TGIF

Along with the RC, a Presbytery, and the UMC, too.

Then, there is Ahnold and Dominique! It must be the heat of summer; even the Mississippi is reportedly humid and wet, unbearably overflowing. CA ex-guv recently acknowledged fathering a child with a house staffer a decade ago resulting in irreparable conjugal fracture; flamboyant French parliamentarian Dominique Strauss-Kahn, IMF managing director, and a favored opponent to unseat France's President Sarkozy, just moved from his \$3,000 per night suite at an expensive NYC hotel near Times Square to a not-too-soft bed in one of Harlem's prison cells. He was yanked out of a Paris-bound JFK flight over the weekend on charges that he sexually assaulted his hotel maid and scooted out in a hurry after the dastardly deed.

Ahnold has a reputation, and he is penitent, apologetic, and seeks forgiveness from any and all affected by his behavior, not the least of whom is Maria Shriver of the Kennedy-Shriver pedigree and mother to Schwartzies' four tots. Socialist Kahn of the "Yes, we Kahn" t-shirts, a known female charmer, seems to have left disgruntled ladies behind his trail who took exception to his ministrations from a position of privilege and authority. Previous complainants emboldened by the IMF chief's current discomfort are airing non-consensual claims. Dominique refutes the charges and to his credit, his prominent socialite wife sides with him.

Pass the ice cubes. Dong Bei has no autumn and spring. Autumn showed up for a day in October, and spring did not even bother taking a peek. Last week, I was still freezing my *dagan*. Now, I am sweating like a pig on a roast pan. I might exaggerate a bit on the sweat, but the tabloid moving into mainstream press is a welcome occurrence. It is perhaps just as well that sex, salacious or otherwise, purloined or consensual between the covers, gets healthy airing in this summer of Middle East sulfuric air, frequent worldwide earthquakes, and Fukushima radiation.

Mother's Philippine Roman Catholic communion is stewing over a Malacañang bill to legislate planned parenthood. Devout Catholic President Noyonoy Aquino, a lighter shade of convent-bred yellow-dressed Mama Cory, is at odds with the enthroned parish princes over making birth control pills accessible and affordable with public support. Available contraceptives open the floodgates of abortion, the sainted walls argue. The CNMI AGO has no monopoly on "ludicrous logic."

Schism bedevils Papa's United Methodist Church. Nationalistic motive is the current published rationale but the ecclesiastical split stems from a charge that a sitting bishop might have been too cozy with one of his staff members. However, instead of truthfully dealing with the matter, moralistic bulldog tactics were employed and not only has the original issue been sidelined, forgotten, or swept under the rug, the internal conflagration radiates charges of imperial real estate domination of denominational worldwide domain.

We read about a Saipan island girl barely old enough to swirl her

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Vergara is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's Opinion Section.



hips to pearly shells, sexually active at 10, pregnant at 12 with the assistance of a guy two decades her senior. I once told my graduating girls at San Vicente that I did not wish to see any of them become grandmas at 26 like some of their mothers were.

Vienna VA's AOL and NRA neighborhood now has a local Presbytery admirably coming out to apologize for one of its junior ministers who took advantage of young girls in his charge, boldly ignoring the advice of lawyers and insurers not to say anything that may lead to damage culpability. We finally have folks willing to face the truth in open air.

Not writing astride a high horse. Been accused a couple of times of questionably taking advantage of vulnerable creatures under my charge, and I plead "guilty" as charged. We've been reckless, too, leading one colleague to suggest we might be bipolar. Nevertheless, *mea culpa*.

But criminal offense? Bello Maasaba, 87-year-old faith healer of Biba, Nigeria, was hauled to court recently because he had said, "I do" 107 times while the Sharia only allows four. When No. 54 joined the chorus that she not only willingly joined the union but also was content and happy keeping it like the rest of the harem who witnessed before her, the judge wisely dismissed the case and left Bello's fate in the hands of *Anshallah!* Bello does daily ablutions and on the query of how "he does it," he reveals that divine inspiration is supported by divine assistance. He just added a 2-month-old child to his retinue, which he keeps in being at three sacks of rice a day.

To be sure, we cannot condone forcible entries, and Dominique along with Ahnold and Bello, have brought the Scarlett matters into public purview and we might finally shake the Puritan bias surrounding these matters and deal with it as commonly as we deal with the summer sun. We offer no justification for anything; only the invitation to be forthright and honest. It is going to be a long summer, but its entertainment promise is better than Hollywood's costly offerings. Ahnold now qualifies to run the IMF, and Dom can segue to Italy and run against Berlusconi while the paparazzi feast on their midlife crises.

Two 580 ml China beers are still under a buck. That's good enough TGIF for me.

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Patent number 808,897

Magellan is credited with “discovering” the Mariana Islands in 1521, which must have been news to the inhabitants, since they already knew about it. So wasn’t it already discovered? Well, that’s how history is written I guess, though I’m the last guy to ask since I don’t know anything about history.

But here’s a date I’ll peg for the Marianas: Jan. 2, 1906. Ring a bell? No? Well, of course not. If it did, I couldn’t play that little rhetorical stunt, could I?

Anyway, Jan. 2, 1906: That’s the date that U.S. patent number 808,897 was issued.

Inventor: Willis H. Carrier, of Buffalo, New York.

Invention: Air conditioning. Which, for me at least, pretty much defines the modern age.

I didn’t give air conditioning much thought until I found myself in Navy engineering classes. “AC&R” (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration) is a pretty important deal. Sure, it adds to crew comfort, but machinery and food have to be climate controlled, too. Oddly enough, the same principles that make air conditioning work are also what propel the steam cycle on nuclear-powered ships; the absorption of heat energy as a substance (Freon for aircon, or steam for propulsion) changes between the liquid and gaseous states.

There are other types of aircon systems, actually, not all of which use a compressed refrigerant like Freon. That’s not something most of us encounter in normal household life, though aboard merchant ships, helicopters, and airplanes, I have had to mess with these types of systems, which always get the best of me.

In fact, if you ever decide to shop for a small jet, you’ll see ads that trumpet “Freon” air as a feature, since the other designs driven by air bleed from the engine are sometimes uncooperative. I just have to look at them wrong and they break. I think I must emit some sort of invisible force field that interferes with their operation or something.

Well, for all the above reasons, especially this force field caper, AC&R and I have been joined at the hip for a long time. And then we have just the normal trappings of tropical living, and I’ve never felt the least pang of shame admitting that I regard air conditioning as one of the best inventions, ever.

Oddly enough, Mr. Carrier’s invention wasn’t first used as a creature comfort. It was used to keep paper from warping in a New York printing plant. Other industrial uses soon followed. As hard as it is to believe, it took about 18 years for the creature comfort aspect of the gig to see the light.

I was pretty surprised when my father told me that his destroyer in WWII didn’t have air conditioning. Whoa. Not that I ever really thought about it, but I had always assumed (incorrectly) that by then they would have been cooling the spaces.

And, back in the day, or should I say, back in the days before back in the day, aircon in cars was either a luxury or just not there at all. Dad remembers the days when drivers crossing the Mojave desert in California would rent coolers with ice in them that were hung on the outside of a side window, the cooled air would blow into the car. At the destination end of the journey, you’d turn the cooler back in. It seemed like a marvel at the time. Sounds pretty funny nowadays, when even the

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lowest beer can of an economy car will have aircon installed.

Whenever gas gets expensive like it is now, we’re treated to hare-brained fuel-savings schemes, one of which is to turn off the A/C and roll down the window instead. I’ve never seen a calculation that proves this idea, though. Furthermore, logic would suggest that rolling down the window is going to increase a car’s parasitic drag (well, that’s what pilots call it, maybe car engineers have another word), which, for all anyone knows, might be more of a drain on efficiency than the A/C is. Well, either way, it’s moot to me: I’m running the darned aircon. Period.

How many of us call our electric bills the “aircon bill”? I do. When I lived in Texas they didn’t use the diminutive but they heeded the same idea; it was the “air conditioning” bill. Move to a mild climate, they just call it the “light bill.”

Anyway, though Magellan’s name is certainly famous in this region, I’d say that Willis Carrier deserves his due, too.

Letters to the Editor

A refreshingly wonderful public hearing

I have been to many public hearings, forums, legislative meetings, court sessions, and other civic events held throughout the CNMI over the years. I must say that the public hearing that was held on Wednesday, May 18, at the Multi-Purpose Center was one of the best civic events I have ever attended. Kudos to the House of Representatives, and especially the Natural Resources Committee and its staff, for facilitating such an admirable display of civic action and discourse.

Our island is changing and I am lucky enough to be witnessing that change firsthand. The multipurpose building was filled on Wednesday, and the representatives from the House established ground rules for the hearing, and followed them. People were able to speak their minds without interruption, heckling, or intimidation. A diverse cross-section of our community was present and the hearing was not dominated by one group or another trying to push a certain agenda. People of all ages attended, from toddlers to senior citizens.

The picture last night was one of a wonderful and diverse community. Although there were a couple of hate-filled bigots, as expected in every community, they were few in number and there was an overwhelming majority of caring and concerned individuals on both sides of the issue. It was refreshing. Representatives from all of the major media outlets were present to document the event. The House committee had a video camera rolling the entire time as well; I would encourage KSPN to obtain a copy and air the footage so that more people could view and learn from the hearing.

It is my hope that many more people will be moved to show up to more hearings and actively participate in the happenings of our community.

The forum was filled with about 75 people. I would say that approximately 98 percent of those who showed up were looking for answers, common ground, and resolution to the particular problem at hand. About 1 percent appeared misinformed and most likely were being manipulated and used. The remaining 1 percent were manipulative, corrupt, and abusive. These are impressive statistics, and the dialogue that occurred was also impressive.

To the 98 percent—the many people who attended with open minds and hearts—thank you so much for coming out! To the 1 percent who were misinformed—I hope the forum provided you with insight and clarity of the issue, and that you are now among the many who are searching for solutions. As for the 1 percent of corrupt and abusive individuals, I believe your day will come.

In the big scheme of things, those with racist sentiments who vilify people based on their content of indigenous blood (or lack of it) make up a very, very small percentage of people on Saipan. They are bullies and they are loudmouths so it may falsely appear as if they are a dominant majority. They truly are not.

We should always address the hateful comments as Mike White and Ron Muña so eloquently did at the forum that night. There is nothing more upsetting than the apathy of bystanders who witness injustice.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “*The Negro’s greatest stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen’s Council or the Ku Klux Klanner; but the white moderate who is more devoted to ‘order’ than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice.*”

It is refreshing when we realize that for each ignorant or hateful person last night who made hurtful comments that cut at the hearts of those present, there were 10 others who made everyone feel like we are all part of one of the greatest communities in the world.

We will always have people in our midst who spew racist sentiment. Sadly, we most likely cannot change their mindsets within our lifetimes or theirs. What we can do is focus on the moderates that MLK Jr. spoke of and people who are the targets of hate-filled speech. We can hope that our fellow moderates will not witness the injustice spoken by the few and be too afraid to challenge it for fear of upsetting the order in their lives and what they believe to be an unchangeable status quo. We can also be hopeful that the victims will not be so abused by the harsh words that they cannot push them aside and rise above them and take the seat at the front of the bus or simply call things like they see them.

I am proud to be witnessing the tipping of the scale. Voices today are rising up. The bigoted comments are being challenged and the bullies who spew them are being marginalized. Change is happening. It is beautiful to see and it is what the CNMI needs more than ever.

I feel nothing but pity for the few who spew racist sentiment. They have been indoctrinated into a world of hate and fear in which they go through life feeling like victims and trying to justify their mentalities by stereotyping or denigrating others. Honestly, a few of them need to be thrown in jail for corruption—those who use the race card and the ignorance of others to cover up very corrupt transactions. The truth will come out and people will be held accountable for their corruption.

Thank you to all my Chamorro and Carolinian brothers and sisters who challenge racism or xenophobia when they see it, who do not ignore it but put the spark out before it erupts into flames.

Thank you to all the people who have been targets of hate speech, for not allowing it to alter your person. You are bigger and better than that, and together we create a wonderful community.

I am one proud mutt and I am so happy to be living in the only place I have ever known as home. I am grateful for the love and support from friends and family who make this place so very special to me.

Many people work their entire lives in a big city, and deal with

traffic, high crime rates, congestion, harsh temperatures, and pollution. They save up money and hope to have enough when they retire to move to a small island somewhere to live out and enjoy the remaining years of their life.

We live out that dream on a daily basis. I truly love Saipan!

Glen Hunter

Fina Sisu, Saipan

Obligations to our children

I’m sure every child and adult recognizes that we have a moral and ethical responsibility with serious obligations to take care of all children and young adults. Well, if the government is truly *of, for and by the people* then we are ignoring our obligations to our youth attending colleges and universities on the mainland. The semester is almost over but the Finance Department has yet to process the checks for these students’ education—the very same *local* students we are depending upon to return and run the future of the CNMI. The CNMI & SHEFFA Scholarship offices can only ask for the money but it is the Governor’s Office that determines when these checks will be processed.

The education of our future leaders and professionals is second only to health and public safety but they are not being prioritized and the truth is in the details of government spending. Many parents took out loans last year just to keep their child in school and now we are faced with the same challenge of taking on our government’s responsibility and commitment to our youth. The governor, as the father figure of our government, needs to get busy and take care of the children in this family who represent our future.

The future of the CNMI will be literally hanging on the edge of local and non-local leadership and professionals in the not too distant future. The changes in the future workforce are real and we had better start taking it seriously by making sure our youth are ready to shoulder more of the responsibility in the leadership and professional workforce. If we don’t help our youth who are attending college the future workforce will be doomed to depend more on non-local leaders and professionals. It should be noted that some CNMI students have already dropped out due to the inconsistent help from our government and this delay could cause more.






SHEFFA and the CNMI Scholarship Office need to prioritize the out-of-state students when it comes to submitting checks for processing. Students on the mainland are *totally* dependent on these checks to supplement their housing, food, and transportation, unlike students in the CNMI. Students on the mainland are now facing the possibility of not having a place to stay, no money for food and other vital needs that students in the CNMI will never face. In other words, *help the students*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼77

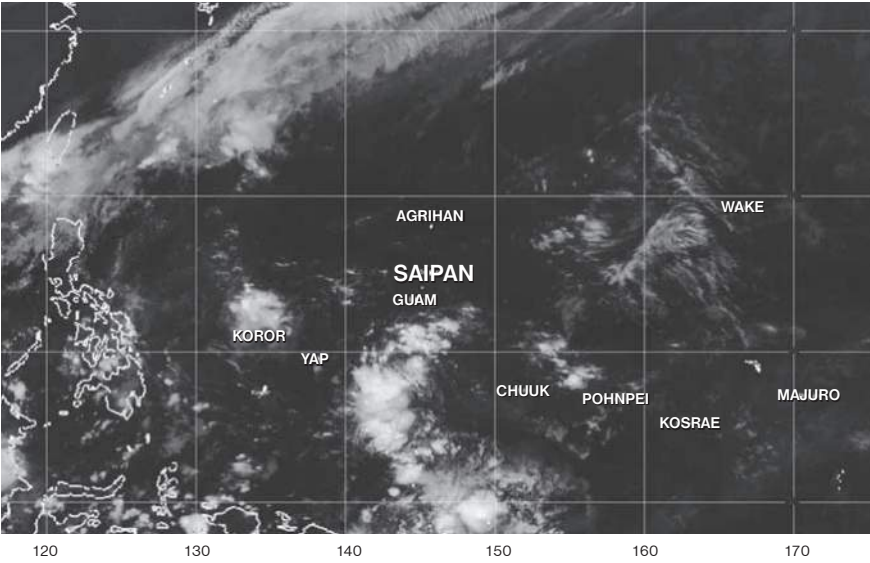
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼57
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲77 ▼56
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲68 ▼51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92 ▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲66 ▼48
Miami	Sunny	▲88 ▼76
New York	Showers	▲68 ▼58
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲78 ▼64
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼50
Pusan	Showers	▲67 ▼57
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼57
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼52
Seoul	Showers	▲67 ▼54
Tokyo	Sunny	▲78 ▼64
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲76 ▼60

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
8:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
3:59 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
11:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from a circulation centered southeast of Mindanao at 7N130E to another circulation centered east of Yap at 8N144E then turns southeastward to end near EQ151E. Scattered showers associated with the circulation southeast of Mindanao are found just west of Koror between 9N and 6N from 130E to 134E. Scattered showers a few thunderstorms associated with the circulation centered east of Yap are located southwest of Guam between 10N and 5N from 140E to 145E. West winds converging south of the trough axis are generating scattered showers a few thunderstorms well southwest of Chuuk between 4N and the equator from 143E to 150E. Converging winds east of the monsoon trough are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Chuuk between 6N and 3N from 152E to 155E. An upper-level low is centered south of Minami Tori Shima at 18N154E. Isolated thunderstorms are present northwest of the Marianas between 21N and 16N from 153E to 158E. A stationary front runs southwestward from 25N140E to beyond 130E at 22N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found along and up to 250 miles northwest of this boundary west of 134E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:40 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:41 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:41 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:29 PM	8:06 AM
Saturday	10:19 PM	9:04 AM
Sunday	11:04 PM	10:00 AM
Monday	11:45 PM	10:53 AM
Tuesday		11:43 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
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Letters to the Editor

No to ETC suspension

Dear Governor Fitial: I, along with other parents and teachers, are humbly asking that you do not stop the educational tax credit program. The schools use that money to buy supplies, help pay for off-island trips for

the students to compete, and anything that is not covered in the budget that is given to the schools. If a school is found to be misusing ETC funds, then that school should be held accountable for it. As a parent, I

want my children to get the best education possible. I am sure that the teachers would agree.

Why is it that when anyone decides to run for office the first thing that comes out are promises to help the education system? They then say that the school is their first priority, then next comes healthcare. Now they want to stop something that has helped schools in so many

ways. What happened to the promises that were made?

It is enough that the budget has been dropping for the public school system. What more if you stop the ETC? It came as a big surprise that lawmakers want to stop something that would help the education of our students. Remember the saying, our children are *our* future. Our children may be the ones to help

solve the crisis that the CNMI is in right now such as becoming teachers, doctors, lawyers, mayors and of course governors someday. So please, please, I am asking that you consider what it is that the lawmakers are trying to do and the effects that it will have.

Angela Reyes
 San Jose, Tinian

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lawsuit was filed. Did it really take a lawsuit to get the attention of our leaders and to put a halt to the project? Apparently so. How very sad. This lawsuit could have been averted had public hearings and proper planning taken precedence over the desire to turn Marpi into a paved parking lot. Come on folks. You know that is where we are head-

ed, right? It starts with power poles. Then a hotel or two. And then some used tire and auto repair shops. And of course, we must have a pawnshop or two. But why stop there? Let's throw in a few poker and massage parlors for good measure. Is this what we as a community want for Marpi? If it really is what the majority of our community want, then so be it. But we all know this is not the case.

Do you know why we have farmers in Marpi today? Be-

cause Marpi was intended to be an agricultural area. Farmers were pushed all the way north, with no power and no water, because the rest of our island was to be developed for commercial and residential purposes. So tell me, once Marpi becomes a developed commercial area, which is where we are headed, what is to become of our farmers? Where will they be pushed to then? Off a cliff? To Pagan? To Goat Island? To reiterate what a wise and noble leader

asked at the forum, "Where is the plan?"

The truth is, there are federal grants and funding available to meet the energy needs of our farmers. And it has been proven that farms can get by with wind turbines and solar panels; there are farmers all across America who can prove this.

Do you honestly believe that these power poles are being put up to help our farmers? If this administration really wants to do something right, then

help our farmers by building an attractive, permanent public marketplace across Kristo Rai Church so that they can sell their produce to both tourists and residents. Help our farmers right now by using the millions of federal dollars you have at your disposal to install wind turbines and solar panels at their farms. Such a source for their energy needs would allow them to sell their produce at lower prices than would be the case if they have to pay for power at the current rates. Chances are that farmers could not avail of the electrical power provided through installation of the power poles because they could simply not afford it. Has the high cost of power been factored into the planning in terms of support for farming?

And if our leaders really want to help out those who are landless, then *pot fabot*, reclaim the 800 abandoned homesteads in Kagman and give it to those families who desperately need land to build a house for their family.

I take great pride in our beloved 670 and have the greatest love, respect, and admiration for our rich heritage. Having been raised here since I was 4 years old, I wholeheartedly embrace our indigenous traditions. And because of my upbringing here, I have learned to accept people for who they are, regardless of where they hail from. This is the real indigenous spirit, an abiding belief of the Refaluwasch and Chamorros, many of whom continue to love me and accept me regardless of our differences of opinion.

To those who call me an "outsider" or believe I am "anti-local," I remain ever hopeful that time, experience, insight, and illumination will change your mindset.

May God bless our beloved 670.

OBLIGATIONS

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who need help the most first—it is a basic life saving concept that should be applied to the check distribution process!

C'mon governor, please do something to help our youth, especially those who are out on a limb, living in the mainland and waiting for you to rescue them from their financial crisis. I'm sure if you will think of them as your children it will make the job very easy for you to get done, because they are your responsibility in reality and our future so fulfill your obligations to them.

Ambrose M. Bennett
 Kagman, Saipan



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Man'amko confab highlights independent living, organic diet, hygiene

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

What do eye services, good hygiene, independent living, and organic food have in common?

They were the presentation topics during this year's Conference on Aging held Thursday at the Raraina Dining Room of Aqua Resort Club in Achugao.

Some 50 congregates attended the conference as part of the celebration of Older Americans Month/Mes Man'amko/Maramal Tiufey this May.

Aging director Rose Mondala said this year's theme, "Connecting the Community," recognizes the diversity and vitality of today's older Americans.

"Older Americans help others to understand the past, and they teach timeless lessons of courage, endurance and love," she said. "Through their legacy

of patriotism, service, and responsibility, senior citizens also unite families and communities and serve as role models for younger generations."

Special assistant for administration Esther Fleming read the opening remarks on behalf of Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos who could not make it to the event due to a funeral service.

Fleming, in an interview, said she talked about the importance of consuming organic food for the island's elderly population.

"As they connect themselves to staying longer, we talked about organic meat and organic vegetables," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fleming said that people who lived in the old days were used to raising farm animals and growing their own vegetables naturally, which was a healthier approach as it prevented these people from being sick due to

fertilizers and insecticides.

She also commended the Office on Aging's programs for the *man'amko* that involve being with the community, especially the youth who learn about local culture, positive values, and the uniqueness of their origin from the *man'amko*.

Other presenters included Saipan Seniors Advisory Council Teresita Sorroza who discussed proper hygiene for the *man'amko*; Tomiko Olaitman of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation who talked about the Independent Living Older/Blind Program; and ophthalmic assistant Emily Taitano of Marianas Eye Institute who informed the *man'amko* about their various services with senior citizen rates.

During yesterday's conference, the *man'amko* also enjoyed a delectable lunch and took part in various fun activities.



NEW GRADUATE

Congratulations to Joey Duenas Mostales, who will be receiving his bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education tomorrow, May 21, 2011, from the Northern Marianas College at the Marianas High School Gym. Love always, your families and friends.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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To our one true treasure, Ciana Makaena Agulto, happy 3rd birthday, princess! May the Lord continue to bless you on this special day and may you have many more birthdays to come. Love, Mommy and Grandma Akiy.



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Happy birthday greetings go to Kimberly Ruak! May you have many more birthdays to come and we wish you all the best. God bless! Greetings come from your Joeten Ace Hardware family!



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GUAM—While participating in the international fisheries enforcement and training exchange called Exercise Sea Guardian, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Assateague* performed community service and provided

clothing and book donations to both the Republic of Palau and the state of Yap, one of four states comprising the Federated States of Micronesia.

Upon arriving in Yap, *Assateague* delivered more than

20 boxes of books, including educational texts, encyclopedias, periodicals, and novels, for donation to the Yap State Public Library. The cutter also transported clothing, building supplies, and children's toys

to missionaries serving in Yap that were supplied by various donors in the vicinity of the *Assateague*'s home port of Apra Harbor, Guam.

While conducting training and exercises in support

of Exercise Sea Guardian, *Assateague*'s crew also volunteered their time and efforts to support a variety of construction and community improvement projects in Palau, including painting the local high school and constructing stairways for rural recreational spots. *Assateague* worked closely with members of the Civilian Action Team and Peace Corps on Palau to develop community projects.

Assateague also visited a local Palauan elementary school, where the crew educated students on the missions of the U.S. Coast Guard and planted coconut trees with local school children.

These community outreach visits are part of ongoing efforts by Coast Guard units based in Guam to make positive impacts to the areas they serve. (USCG)

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ASSATEAGUE



Humanities Council to host 8th Sengebau Poetry Competition

The NMI Council for the Humanities invites the community to the 8th Annual Valentine Sengebau Poetry Competition to be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7pm at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theatre.

The annual Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition was established to support the work of young Micronesian poets, to encourage interest in local and regional literature, and to honor the legacy of Micronesia's foremost poet, the late Valentine N. Sengebau.

The Palauan poet spent the last 25 years of his life in his adopted home of Saipan and composed dozens of poems that were published in the *Micronesian Reporter* and the *Marianas Variety*. To ensure

that his work will be enjoyed by future generations, the Council published an anthology of Val's poetry, *Microchild*, in 2004 as part of its Micronesian Authors Initiative.

In the junior division (7th and 8th grades), participants have been invited to recite a poem from certain sections of *Microchild* and to give a personal introduction and personal interpretation of the poem.

In the senior division (9th – 12th grades), participants will recite original poetry that addresses themes relating to culture, identity, and/or change in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Deadline for submissions is Monday, May 22, 2011. For more information, contact Merced Ada at 235-4785/7 or e-mail mada@pticom.com. (PR)



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program has extended the deadline for submission of applications for Tinian Vendors to May 20, 2011. Applications may be picked up at the CNMI WIC Administrative Building located in Navy Hill, Saipan, Building No. N-25 or may be downloaded online by visiting our website at www.cnmiwic.org. The Vendor Selection Criteria is attached to the application and may also be viewed on the website.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m.,

May 20, 2011. Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications and requirements are met.

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Freshened up VS Sablan Plaza offers ideal commercial spaces

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Business owners looking for ideal commercial spaces will find a good deal at VS Sablan Plaza, located at the intersection of As Perdido and Beach Road.

VS Sablan Plaza, which has commercial units for rent measuring 7,147 square feet on the ground floor and a sizeable area on the second floor at 4,800 sq. ft., is owned by Sablan Enterprises, Inc., a longstanding company in the CNMI that specializes in real estate development.

Ben Sablan, realty manager for Sablan Enterprises, Inc., said the VS Sablan Plaza was originally built in the late '80s and had undergone major renovation work in 2009 to give the building a fresh new look.

"Our vision is to have a bustling commercial center or a mall on island where the public can go and have fun," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*. "With its prime location, VS Sablan Plaza can be home to countless stores, restaurants, shops, and more. Business owners can take advantage of our competitive rates and amenities."

According to Sablan, VS Sablan Plaza is currently home to

the popular Subway restaurant since 2002 and its latest addition, Megazone, which offers Internet surfing and gaming for students and other community members.

The ground floor of the VS Sablan Plaza has nine available commercial retail spaces that measure from 541 sq. ft. up to 1,443 sq. ft. with monthly rental rates ranging from \$400 to \$1,000.

"These units can be used for a variety of purposes such as diners, money transfer business, retail stores, or any kind of business," said Sablan.

The second floor, on the other hand, can accommodate businesses that require a large space like a gym or spa.

The foyer or common area, which measures over 3,000 sq. ft., is equally spacious and is perfect for island performers to entertain both residents and tourists that stroll, hang around, dine, or shop at VS Sablan Plaza.

Sablan said they had some 75 parking stalls constructed last year to provide enough parking spaces for both tenants and guests.

Tony Muña, Sablan Enterprises vice president, said that

other amenities include individual air conditioning for each unit, two entryways on Beach Road and As Perdido Road, 24-hour water supply, back-up generator, and central air conditioning in the common area so that customers "are always comfortable."

"We [also] provide cleaning and maintenance throughout the business day so the mall is very clean and welcoming," he added.

There are plenty of reasons, Muña said, to avail of and set up shop at VS Sablan Plaza but the primary factor is location.

"Our location is essentially a hub for traffic," said Muña. The "great business infrastructure," he said, provides easy access to customers traveling from Kolberville, San Antonio, As Lito, Dandan, and Chalan Kanoa.

"Ben and I are dedicated to ensure that every business at the Plaza will have our support," added Muña.

To find the best commercial location with a great price for your business, visit VS Sablan Plaza across Hopwood Junior High School. Plaza hours are from 9am to 9pm. For information, contact Ben Sablan at 234-2585, 235-9020 or 898-9285.

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SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Department of Interior (DOI), Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance NEPA Regulations at 43 CFR Part 46, and DOI Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) NEPA Guidance at Chapter 6 of Part 516 Department of the Interior Departmental Manual (516 DM 6) (Draft), an Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft FONSI was prepared on behalf of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and the DOI OIA for the Kalabera Cave development project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve landscaping and construction of facilities and amenities to improve the undeveloped area at Kalabera Cave in Marpi, Saipan. The proposed landscaping will be outside and adjacent to the Kalabera Cave entrance. Improvements inside the cave would include an ADA compliant ramp at the entrance and a viewing platform. The project would be funded by OIA Capital Improvement Project (CIP) grants.

When completed, the project would offer:

- Improvement to the surrounding area outside the cave and safer access into the cave and at the viewing area;
- Provide new and unique attractions for tourism destination;
- More cultural and geological experience to visitors;
- Expansion of tourist arrivals; and
- Cultural and geological education.

Anticipated environmental impacts associated with the project would be less than significant during the construction phase. All unavoidable impacts will be mitigated such that there will be an insignificant effect on the environment from the implementation of the proposed action. There are long-term environmental impacts to be expected as a result of the proposed project but these will be mitigated to less than significant levels.

The EA and FONSI may be reviewed at the following locations:

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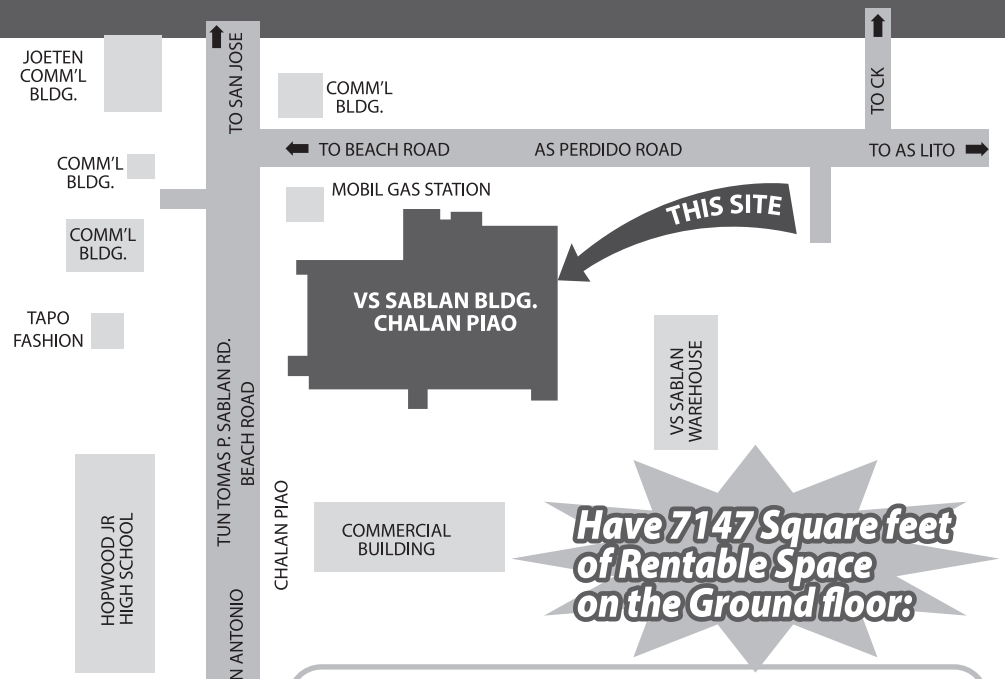
Comments on the EA and draft FONSI should be sent to:

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DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: The review period will close 21 June 2011. No administrative action will be taken on this proposed project prior to the expiration of this comment period. The Director of OIA will sign the Final FONSI after resolution of all significant comments, if any are raised during the comment period. The FONSI will not be re-circulated for review, but will be available upon request.

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BRIEFING WITH THE BOSS

Vice chair David J. Sablan of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Guam-CNMI Committee explains the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 or USERRA during the "Briefing with the Boss" at Charley's Cabaret of Pacific Islands Club on May 6.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Memorial Day 2011

On Wednesday May 25, 2011, at 9am, at the Department of Public Health conference room at the Commonwealth Health Center, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos will proclaim May 25 to May 31 as Memorial Week.

The Memorial Day ceremony will be at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi on Monday, May 30, at 9:30am. The Pacific Winds Concert Band will begin with the pre-ceremonial music at 8:30am. The keynote speaker will be Brig. Gen. John W. Doucette, commander, 36th Wing Anderson Air Force Base, Guam and deputy commander of Joint Region Marianas. There will also be a B-52 flyover from the 36th Wing, Andersen Air Force Guam and the 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Mi-

not, North Dakota. (PR)

EMO to host cyclone preparedness workshop

The Emergency Management Office, together with the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Tiyan, Guam, will be hosting the Tropical Cyclone, Disaster Preparedness and Climate Workshop for the CNMI on May 23-24, 2011, at the Pacific Island Club in San Antonio, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The course is designed for key decision-makers or their assistants of government agencies, non-government organizations, and the business/private sector. Separate workshops will also be held on Rota and Tinian.

To register or to obtain more information, contact Juan T. Camacho at EMO at 322-9528 or jtcamacho@cnmiemo.gov.mp. (EMO)

MHS Class of 1991 meeting

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will be having a meeting today, May 20, 2011, at 6:30pm at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion to discuss the 20th reunion. (PR)

Five puppies up for adoption, fostering

There are five puppies at Paradise Island Animal Hospital that are ready for adoption. Three of them are black and brown. One is cream-colored and the other is white with a brown spot over each eye. Their ages range from 2-6 months and they are healthy and playful. In addition, PAWS needs foster families. If you're interested in fostering one or more of these puppies, contact PAWS at 285-PAWS. (PR)

One Economy, DOC to host 3 broadband townhall meetings

One Economy, CNMI Department of Commerce, BroadMap LLC, and the New America Foundation will be conducting townhall meetings to understand residents' attitudes toward broadband.

■ Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 6:30pm at the Tinian Elementary School cafeteria, San Jose, Tinian

■ Thursday, May 26, 2011, 6:30pm at the Round House, Songsong Village, Rota. (PR)

Appreciation dinner for elderly Palauans tomorrow

The Palau Community Association Youth Club is sponsoring the PCA Senior Citizens Appreciation Dinner tomorrow, May 21, from 5pm to midnight at the Garapan Central Park (Round House), Saipan. All Palauan senior citizens (55 years old and above) and their families in the CNMI are encouraged to attend the event. Come and celebrate with all PCA senior citizens with music, dance, and prizes. For more information, call any of the PCA officers: Rufino Aguon at 483-6232, Eileen (Motto) Kintol at 288-7538, Felisa Brel at 483-9053, or Bernice Ravell at 285-4845. (PR)

Registration info for UOG's summer sessions

New student registration for the University of Guam's summer sessions will be held May 26 and 27 by appointment only. Contact the Student Life Office at 735-2271 for the orientation schedule. Late registration for summer session A will be held May 31, 2011. Summer Session A runs May 31 – July 1. Late registration for Summer Session B will be held June 13, 2011. Session B runs June 13- July 29. Late registration for Summer Session C will be held July 5. Session C runs July 5 – August 6. For payment deadlines visit www.uog.edu. (UOG)

More UOG online courses

Extra sections of the online WG 101 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies course are now offered during summer sessions A and C. Contact Dr. Helen Thompson at wg101online@yahoo.com or visit www.uog.edu. (UOG)

Services to US armed forces

The American Red Cross–NMI Chapter is inviting all U.S. military service members—active, reserve, Guard, and veterans—to attend a "Health & Well Being Workshop" on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

The workshop, from 8:30am to 12pm, will feature:

- Red Cross "Get to Know Us" briefing
- Ruth Coleman of Veterans affairs
- VA clinic Medical Associates of the Pacific, LLC.
- VFW Post Commander

The workshop, breakfast, lunch, and park passes will be provided free of charge for all qualified military service members (DD-214). Military service members are allowed to bring two dependents.

For more information or to register call or email Le'ah A. Murphy, Red Cross SAF Coordinator, at 234-3459 or leah.murphy670@gmail.com. (PR)

SCC Corporate Challenge set

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual SCC Corporate Challenge Sunday, May 29, 2011, at the Minatchom Atdao in Susupe at 9:30am. Registration begins at 7:30am. To date, 10 teams have submitted applications. SCC traditionally accepts entries from SCC only, but this year has decided to open up registration to non-SCC member companies. SCC members can enter for \$300 and non-SCC member entry is \$400. The SCC Corporate Challenge is a fun event that can be used as a company outing or employee appreciation day. There are competitive races and games with prizes, and a judged tent competition. This year's theme is "Island Style Recycling" where recycled material will be used to decorate individual corporate entry tents. A panel of judges will decide the winners. (SCC)

National Enforcement Mobilization

CLICK IT OR TICKET!

May 23 thru June 5, 2011

Seat belts save over 13,000 lives every year. One of them could be yours...

Top 5 things you should know about buckling up

BUCKLING UP IS THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF IN A CRASH.

In 2008, seat belts saved more than 13,000 lives nationwide. From 2004 to 2008, seat belts saved over 75,000 lives – enough people to fill a large sports arena. During a crash, being buckled up helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle, whereas being completely thrown out of a vehicle is almost always deadly. Being buckled-up is the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers.

AIR BAGS ARE DESIGNED TO WORK WITH SEAT BELTS, NOT REPLACE THEM.

In fact, if you don't wear your seat belt, you could be thrown into a rapidly opening frontal air bag; a movement of such force could injure or even kill you. See www.safercar.gov for more information on air bag safety.

HOW TO BUCKLE UP SAFELY:

The lap belt and shoulder belt are secured across the pelvis and rib cage, which are more able to withstand crash forces.

FIT MATTERS.

- Before you buy a new car, check to see that its seat belts are fit for you.
- Ask your dealer about seat belt adjusters, which can help you get the best fit.
- If you need a roomier belt, contact your vehicle manufacturer to obtain seat belt extenders.
- If you drive an older or classic car with lap belts only, check with your vehicle manufacturer about how to retrofit your car with today's safe lap/shoulder belts.

OCCUPANT PROTECTION IS FOR EVERYONE.

Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Website at www.nhtsa.gov and click on 4 Steps for Kids to find out how to secure your littlest passengers.

If you're expecting a little one, check out NHTSA's "Should pregnant women wear seat belts?" brochure online to learn how important it is for you – and your unborn child – to buckle up the right way every trip, every time.

NEED MORE HELP?

Contact us: For more information about seat belts, child safety seats, air bags, and adapting motor vehicles for drivers with special needs, call the DPS Traffic Division at 664-9085 or Highway Safety Office at 664-9121 to 9125.

Remember: For your safety and for the safety of all vehicle passengers, seat belt use for adults is required by law in all States in the United States and on all Federal lands.

Business

NY police look for DNA in hotel carpet in IMF case

NEW YORK (AP)—Investigators cut out a piece of carpet in a painstaking search of a penthouse suite for DNA evidence in IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn's sex assault case, law enforcement officials said Wednesday as he made a new bid to get out of jail.

New York detectives and prosecutors believe the carpet in the hotel room may contain

Strauss-Kahn's semen, spat out after an episode of forced oral sex by a hotel maid, the officials told The Associated Press.

Strauss-Kahn, jailed at Rikers Island since Monday, made a second appeal for bail and proposed to be confined to his daughter's Manhattan home 24 hours a day with electronic monitoring. He was set for another hearing

Thursday afternoon.

The French politician said in court papers that he had surrendered his passport and wouldn't flee the country. "I do not intend to leave the United States of America without the permission of the New York Court," he said.

In addition to examining the Sofitel Hotel suite for further potential DNA evidence, in-

vestigators were looking at the maid's keycard to determine whether she used it to enter the room, and how long she was there, officials said.

One of the officials said that the DNA testing was being "fast-tracked" but that the results could still be a few days away.

The two officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because neither was authorized

to speak about the case publicly and because it has gone to a grand jury.

The maid, a 32-year-old immigrant from the West African nation of Guinea, told police that the 62-year-old Strauss-Kahn came out of the bathroom naked, chased her down, forced her to perform oral sex on him and tried to remove her underwear before she broke free and fled the room.

The AP does not identify alleged victims of sex crimes unless they agree to it.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly declined to comment Wednesday on the details of the evidence-gathering but said results of any DNA and other testing have not yet come back. He said the detectives investigating the case found the maid's story believable.

Disasters send Japanese economy into recession

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's economy contracted sharply in the first quarter, veering back into recession as factory production and consumer spending wilted in the aftermath of March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Real gross domestic product—a measure of the value of all goods and services produced domestically—shrank at an annualized rate of 3.7 percent in the January-March period, the Cabinet Office said Thursday.

The result marks the second straight quarter that the world's No. 3 economy has lost steam and undershoots an annualized 2.3 percent fall forecast in a Kyodo News agency survey.

While there is no universally accepted definition of a recession, many economists define it as two consecutive quarters of GDP contraction. Others consider the depth of economic decline as well as other measures like unemployment.

Martin Schulz, senior economist at Fujitsu Research Institute in Tokyo, said there is "no doubt" that recession has returned. More surprising is just how quickly the economy crumpled, he said.

The latest GDP report includes just 20 days following the disaster, but "the impact is huge," said Schulz, who had expected to see most of the economic fallout in the second quarter.



The magnitude-9.0 earthquake and tsunami left more than 24,000 people dead or missing, and wiped out entire towns in the hardest-hit areas. It damaged factories in the region, causing severe shortages of parts and components for manufacturers across Japan, especially automakers.

A crippled nuclear power

plant caused widespread power shortages that added to the headaches faced by businesses and households.

As a result, Japan's factory production and consumer spending both fell the most on record in March. Exports in March went south for the first time in 16 months. Companies are reporting lower earnings and diminished outlooks for the rest of the fiscal year.

The recent events have deeply unnerved households, who are likely to remain cautious for the coming months, Schulz said.


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**INVITATION TO BID
ITB11-DPW/ED-089**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 14, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.



**“PROVISION OF FOUR (4) DIESEL COMMERCIAL
WOOD CHIPPERS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS - ENERGY OFFICE”**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD LOCATED ON THE THIRD (3RD) FLOOR OF THE MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA OFFICE #315, SUSUPE OR REQUESTED VIA E-MAIL TO fourwoodchippers@recovery.gov.mp.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MS. ALFREDA CAMACHO VIA EMAIL TO alfreda.camacho@recovery.gov.mp OR FAX TO (670) 234-3016 **NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, JUNE 02, 2011.**

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/s/ MICHAEL J. ADA CNMI ARRA LEAD	/s/ THELMA B. INOS DIRECTOR OF ENERGY


**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**


**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-DPW/ED-085**

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 09, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“FINANCIAL GRADE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT, ASSESSMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORA-
TION UTILIZING AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT”**



THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **MAY 06, 2011** AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD, THIRD (3RD) FLOOR, MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA #315, SUSUPE, SAIPAN OR REQUESTED VIA EMAIL TO cuc_energy_efficiency@recovery.gov.mp DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A **MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** IS SCHEDULED FOR **10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, MAY 24, 2011** AT THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION CONFERENCE ROOM.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA E-MAIL TO ALFREDA CAMACHO, OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD AT alfreda.camacho@recovery.gov.mp OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3016 **NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, MAY 27, 2011.**

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/s/ THELMA B. INOS DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIVISION	/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY


**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works**


2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai
Saipan, MP 96950

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW11-IFB-010**

CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE AT TANAPAG BEACH PARK, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Stage at Tanapag Beach Park, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **May 13, 2011** at DPW Technical Services Division 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to US Citizen or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the BID or PROPOSAL if preference is claimed.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **June 2, 2011**, 1:00 p.m. local time at the project site located at Tanapag Beach Park, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 7, 2011** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, DPW 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547.

Sealed bids must be marked **“DPW11-IFB-010”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. local time **June 14, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. local time, **June 14, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 14, 2011**, and must be received no later than **June 23, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. local time, **June 28, 2011**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. local time, on **June 17, 2011**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulation Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (90) Calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00.00) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN Secretary of Public Works	/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director of Procurement & Supply
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Maydeline Dela Cruz Vidal /
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Pro Se,

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

Maydeline D. Vidal Petitioner, vs. Joseph V. Jabonete Respondent.	FCD Civil Action No. 10-0458 SUMMONS
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TO: Joseph V. Jabonete

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Joe Hill Law Office whose address is P.O. Box 500917, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 30th day of August, 2010.

/s/Clerk of Court

NOTICE OF BULK TRANSFER (5 CMC DIVISION 6)

ANY AFFECTED CREDITOR IS
HEREBY NOTIFIED:

That a bulk transfer is intended and about to be made by PIC PRODUCTS (SAIPAN) CORPORATION ("Transferor") whose address is Post Office Box 2370, Saipan, MP 96950.

The bulk transfer is to be made to INTERPACIFIC RESORTS (SAIPAN) CORPORATION ("Transferee") whose address is P.O. Box 502370, Saipan, MP 96950.

The location of the property to be transferred is Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Beach Road, San Antonio, Saipan, MP 96950.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

All assets of the Transferor used or held for use in Transferor's business of purchasing, importing, selling, exporting or trading and dealing in clothing and wearing apparel of all kinds and every description, operating stores and chains of stores and carrying on the business of wholesale and retail dealers of clothing and wearing apparel of all kinds and every description, including, without limitation, all inventory, machinery and equipment, personal property and personal property leases.

All properties herein mentioned are to be sold free of all liens and claims of all creditors.

The date on or after which the bulk transfer is to be consummated is June 1, 2011, at Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Beach Road, San Antonio, Saipan, MP 96950.

By: /s/ Robert C. Goldman
Director

Nation

For flood victims, life is tedious waiting game

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP)—For thousands of people forced from their homes by the rising Mississippi River, life has become a tedious waiting game: waiting for meals at shelters, waiting for the latest word on their flooded homes, waiting for the river to fall.

The monotony of shelter life has taken a toll on victims who have already been displaced for weeks and may not be able to return for at least a month. The river is expected to crest Thursday in Vicksburg, but high water might not retreat in some areas until late June.

“Lord only knows when it’s going to recede. It’s so much water,” said Steven Cole, who has stayed for nearly two weeks at a church being used as a Red Cross shelter.

Cole’s bottom lip quivered as he described how he ended up here: He wrecked the truck he uses for carpentry work while helping evacuate several families. Then the house he shared with a friend flooded.

Without the shelter in Vicksburg, “I’d be out in the streets,” he said.

Nearby, farmers received a



Carla Jenkins, left, owner of Vidalia Dock and Storage in Vidalia, La., walks with port captain Travis Morace and her daughter Lauren Lucas outside her offices that were flooded by rising floodwaters from the Mississippi River, Wednesday, May 18, 2011.

bit of good news Wednesday when officials said they did not expect water to spill over the top of a closely watched levee protecting thousands of acres of crops. And cargo resumed moving slowly along the Mississippi after the Coast Guard reopened a key segment of the river north of New Orleans.

But those developments did nothing to help people whose homes are already underwater. And they have little to fill their days except worry and boredom.

At shelters, evacuees pass the time reading, praying or smoking cigarettes. Vivian Taylor-Wells, a retired nurse and substi-

tute teacher, swaps stories with the other evacuees and thinks a lot about the future. There’s not much else to do.

“I pray. I read. I meditate,” she said. “I just try to sit calm and get my bearings.”

Her car broke down while she was evacuating, so she had to leave behind many belong-

ings at her house, which was swamped with several feet of water.

“I can’t say what the losses are going to be, but it’s going to be big,” she said.

More than 4,800 people have been displaced by flooding in Mississippi, more than 2,000 of them in Vicksburg and surrounding areas. By the time the flooding ends, more than 6,000 people in Mississippi could be forced to leave their homes, according to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

Accommodations for evacuees range from shelters lined with cots to parking lots where

people gathered in campers.

People who have been staying in the lot outside the Tunica Arena and Exposition Center have been given until June 10 to find somewhere else to live. Jimmy Mitchell has been sleeping in a camper at the site since the flood forced residents from Tunica’s Cutoff neighborhood in late April. He doesn’t know where to go.

“We’ve got to figure it out,” he said.

By the time the deadline arrives, federal money could be available to help pay evacuees’ expenses, including the cost of hotel rooms, Tunica County Supervisor James Dunn said.

Senate blocks GOP’s bid to speed offshore drilling

WASHINGTON (AP)—A GOP bid to expand and hasten offshore oil drilling in the face of \$4-a-gallon gasoline prices suffered an overwhelming defeat in the Senate on Wednesday, four days after President Barack Obama directed his administration to ramp up U.S. oil production.

Five Republicans joined 52 Democrats or independents in rejecting a bill written by Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell to speed up decision-making on drilling permits and force previously scheduled lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and off the Alaska and Virginia coasts. The Obama administration suspended several lease sales after last year’s massive BP oil spill.

The bill was supported by 42 Republicans, well short of the 60 needed to advance it. Several GOP senators complained that the bill gave too much ground to the Obama administration, including a provision that would require independent reviews of oil companies’ plans for responding to major oil spills before they could get drilling permits.

Sen. David Vitter, R-La., said McConnell’s bill did not go far enough to expand drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico near Florida and off the Pacific coast. He said it

also “increases the burdens and requirements and hurdles of even the new Obama regulations that have been put in place since the BP disaster.”

Vitter and fellow Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu, a Democrat, also complained that the bill wouldn’t direct royalties from offshore drilling to states where drilling occurs.

After the House passed similar legislation last week, Obama on Saturday directed the Interior Department to extend existing leases in the Gulf and off Alaska’s coast and hold more frequent lease sales in a federal petroleum reserve in Alaska.

Both parties say that despite the BP spill, they want to allow responsible oil and gas drilling off the U.S. mainland and in Alaska. But they criticize each other’s approach.

Democrats assailed the GOP bill as unnecessary and a giveaway to big oil companies, while Republicans said the measure would spur production that would reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and create thousands of jobs.

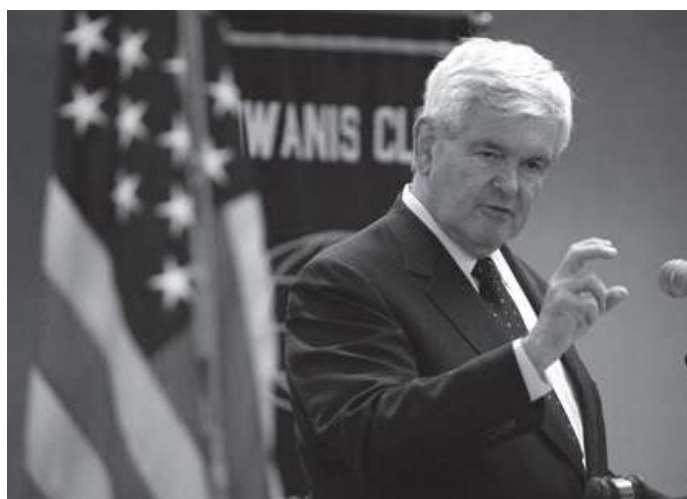
“Today’s vote shows that ‘Drill Baby Drill’ may be a catchy slogan, but it is not an energy policy,” said Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., who is opposed to drilling off the Atlantic coast.

Gingrich campaign off to bad start, looks forward

ATLANTA (AP)—Hardly the start he’d hoped for, Newt Gingrich’s first week as a presidential candidate has been riddled with missteps that have angered many of his fellow Republicans and exposed campaign vulnerabilities.

The former House speaker disparaged House Republicans’ Medicare proposal as “right-wing social engineering” and was all but forced to apologize after the conservative outcry. He tied himself in knots when he defended part of the Democrats’ health care law—which he says he opposes. And he refused to explain a \$500,000 debt he once owed to the upscale Tiffany’s jewelry store though railing against President Barack Obama for what he calls excessive federal spending.

“He has severely damaged his campaign and his credibility,” said Debbie Dooley of Duluth, Ga., a national coordinator for the Tea Party Patriots who contended that Gingrich made things



Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich speaks during the Kiwanis Club luncheon, Monday, May 16, 2011, in Dubuque, Iowa.

worse when he tried to explain his health care stance favoring a requirement that Americans have coverage. “If he continues with that position, for the most conservative tea party Republicans ... it’s over,” she said.

Gingrich’s team says he’s not changing.

Advisers say Gingrich has re-

peatedly proven he can survive such troubles, and they insist there’s no need to recalibrate a campaign decades in the making.

“The base and the insiders are paying attention, and certainly Speaker Gingrich got their attention—and possibly in a bad light last week,” said Katon Dawson, a Gingrich supporter

and former chairman of the South Carolina GOP. But Dawson argues that voters haven’t yet tuned in so the damage was minimal. “People have counted Newt Gingrich out on numerous occasions before at their own peril,” he said.

It was just a week ago that Gingrich officially joined the GOP presidential race.

He hopes that his tenure in the 1990s as the top Republican in the House will lend him credibility with establishment Republicans searching for a candidate in a muddled field, and that the time he spent after he left office building a grassroots network of conservative activists will give him tea party support. He wants to be seen as the candidate of big ideas confronting the nation’s big problems. And he is looking to take a traditional path to the nomination through the early contests in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.



ACROSS THE NATION

Bin Laden audio praises Arab protests

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shortly before his death, Osama bin Laden recorded a message praising the Middle East protest movements and predicting that revolutions would spread across the region. “I think that the winds of change will blow over the entire Muslim world, with permission from Allah,”

bin Laden said in the 12-minute message released online Wednesday. The message was released as a video, but it contains only an audio track and a photo of the terrorist leader.

NASA checking damage to space shuttle heat tiles

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA is taking a close

look at some damage to the black thermal tiles on the belly of space shuttle Endeavour. The gouges and nicks were spotted in photos taken right before Endeavour docked with the International Space Station on Wednesday. The shuttle did a slow backflip so space station cameras could capture any signs of launch damage. NASA official LeRoy Cain says there’s no

cause for concern. He says they will continue to assess the damage. If needed, the astronauts will use a boom to make a closer inspection this weekend.

Circumcision ban to appear on San Francisco ballot

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A group seeking to ban the circumcision of male children in

San Francisco has succeeded in getting their controversial measure on the November ballot, meaning voters will be asked to weigh in on what until now has been a private family matter. City elections officials confirmed Wednesday that the initiative had received enough signatures to appear on the ballot, getting more than 7,700 valid signatures from city resi-

dents. Initiatives must receive at least 7,168 signatures to qualify.

If the measure passes, circumcision would be prohibited among males under the age of 18. The practice would become a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or up to one year in jail. There would be no religious exemptions.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-010

Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing software development firms, for the Purchase of Utility Billing Software and preventative maintenance tracking software for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The work includes a needs assessment; training; project management; data conversion; and application. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project and a performance report.

The bid package & specification will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 03, 2011 at 11:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Main Conference Room No. 10, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 06, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email address charles_warren@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



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Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-036

GASIFICATION OR WASTE TO ENERGY GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy or synthetic diesel - produced from commercially proven Waste to Energy (WTE) or Gasification systems, for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Gasification or Waste to Energy generation facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) will be the feedstock.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational Gasification or Waste to Energy Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-036 " Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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INVITATION FOR BID
CUC-IFB-11-033

CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FABRICATED WAREHOUSE BUILDING

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced construction firms for the construction of CUC Pre- Supplied Building in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The general work requirement includes the construction of foundation and assembly of pre-supplied/fabricated metal building structure.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-033, Construction of Warehouse Building, CUC Rota" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 02, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. CUC also would require a copy of the submittal to be emailed at the same time of the bid closing, to Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Assistant, via email: mika_muna@cucgov.net. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A pre-bid conference, followed by a site visit, will be held on **Monday May 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Administration Office in Sinapalo II, Rota.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current Federal minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Ms. Sherri Hadley, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email sherri_hadley@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Manglona, Deputy Director, CUC Rota -charles@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the Invitation for Bids in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-037

**EXHAUST HEAT RECOVERY PROJECT
ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE (ORC)**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced companies or IPPs, to supply electrical energy produced from commercially proven Exhaust Heat Recovery systems (Organic Rankine Cycle), for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. The heat recovery system will be tied to the exhaust systems on diesel engines at Power Plant No.1 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Exhaust Heat Recovery systems that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, any permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully the Exhaust Heat Recovery Systems.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-037 " Exhaust Heat Recovery Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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Asia

Battle over condoms enters Philippine Congress

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The president says he is ready to face excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church for advocating free access to condoms. A boxing champion says he is the best example of why birth control should never be allowed.

After simmering for months, a wide-ranging and acrimonious debate over government-funded access to contraceptives in the Philippines has entered the country's Congress.

The issue pits the powerful and conservative Catholic establishment, which says contraceptives are as sinful as abortions, against reformers who want more openness about condoms and other birth control in the impoverished Southeast Asian nation to slow population growth and help prevent disease.

A reproductive health bill introduced Tuesday in the House of Representatives would require the government to provide information on family planning methods, make contraceptives available free of charge and introduce reproductive health and sexuality classes in schools.

President Benigno Aquino III, still widely popular a year after a landslide election victory, has backed artificial birth control even if it means going against the dominant Catholic church. He said last month he was ready to face the consequences and if necessary risk excommunication.

"I have been taught in school,



In this photo taken Sept. 6, 2010, a homeless mother and her children partake of a packed meal given to them by good samaritans along a street in Manila, Philippines.

which was a Catholic institution, that the final arbiter really is our conscience," Aquino told reporters Wednesday. "We are not looking for a fight with the church. This is on the record. I have invited them many times so that we can have discussions, and we have focused on areas where we can agree on."

Supporters believe the measure will slow the Philippines' rapid population growth that some believe contributes to the country's crushing poverty. About a third of the country's 94 million people live on \$1 a day.

Independent opinion polls in recent years have showed strong public support for such legislation and Aquino's supporters have a majority in Congress,

but the bill is expected to draw a tough fight with debate likely to last through the end of the year and no guarantee of passage.

Church leaders have lashed out at Aquino and mobilized a formidable public campaign to defeat the bill, with some bishops threatening to launch civil disobedience protests. Some activists have even vowed to campaign against paying taxes if the bill becomes law, but the church leadership has not backed that call.

The World Health Organization says condoms are highly effective in preventing AIDS. About 1.4 million people are infected with the AIDS virus in the Asia-Pacific region, more than double the number 10 years ago.

PM: Japan's nuke regulators need more independence

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's prime minister acknowledged Wednesday that the recent nuclear accident underscored that his country's nuclear regulators need more independence from the industry to ensure safety.

Those comments came the same week that new data seemed to belie some of the industry's claims of preparedness: The documents raised concerns that the earthquake may have done more damage than previously thought—undermining the operator's assurances that the plant could withstand a major quake. In addition, the new data poked holes in claims that

an emergency venting system—which failed in the power outage early in the crisis—would avert a severe accident.

In Japan, a single ministry is responsible for both promoting nuclear energy and overseeing its safety, unlike most other nuclear power-producing nations that separate the two functions.

Critics say that structure has resulted in lax oversight and may have contributed to a lack of precautions at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, which is leaking radiation after being damaged in March's massive quake and tsunami.

"Entities that promote and

check nuclear energy belong to the same government institution, which raises a question of independence," Prime Minister Naoto Kan told a news conference where he also promised a thorough review of the nuclear power industry and its regulators.

"We don't necessarily have a sturdy structure in this regard," he said.

An Associated Press review of Japan's approach to nuclear plant safety has also revealed that closely intertwined relationships between government regulators and industry have allowed a culture of complacency to prevail.

be a safe haven. She was killed May 19, 2010—the final day of militant anti-government "Red Shirt" demonstrations that had paralyzed the city and spawned some of Thailand's bloodiest violence in decades.

Bomb on Myanmar train kills 2, injures 9

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—A bomb exploded Wednesday on a passenger train near Myanmar's capital, killing two people and injuring nine, state

radio and television reported. A brief announcement on the evening news said the explosion occurred on the Yangon-Mandalay rail line about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of the capital Naypyitaw and 250 miles (400 kilometers) north of Yangon. The report said the blast blew a hole in the roof of the carriage. It did not mention if any foreigners were hurt. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast and no suspects have been named.

World

Gulf mediator gives up on Yemeni political deal

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—The head of a coalition of Gulf countries seeking to broker an end to Yemen's political crisis gave up on Wednesday and left the country, opposition and government leaders said.

Yemen is reeling from three months of massive street protests demanding the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh after more than three decades in power.

The Gulf Cooperation Council sought to mediate a deal for Saleh to leave power in exchange for immunity from prosecution. Saleh snubbed the deal last month, prompting a visit from the coalition's head, Abdul-Latif al-Zayyani, to try to break the impasse.

But al-Zayyani, who is from Bahrain, ended his five-day visit Wednesday without closing the deal, leaving each side blaming the other for its failure.

5 foreign journalists freed by Libya and Iran

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—The Libyan government released four foreign journalists on Wednesday and a fifth reached freedom in Qatar after disappearing while on assignment in Syria, the latest reporters to be freed after being swept up while covering unrest in the Middle East.

Americans Clare Morgana Gillis and James Foley, along with British freelance reporter Nigel Chandler and Spanish photographer Manuel Varela, appeared at a Tripoli hotel after being released from six weeks detention in Libya.

Earlier, Iranian-born Dorothy Parvaz, who also has U.S. and Canadian citizenship and works for Al-Jazeera television, arrived at her network's home base in Doha after being freed by Iran. All five were reported in good health.

"I've spoken to our son," Diane Foley of Rochester, N.H., told The Associated Press. "He's in good health, he's feeling very, very relieved. He's feeling very hopeful."

In Washington, the White House said that John Brennan, who is an assistant to U.S. President Barack Obama, had called Saleh on Wednesday urging him to accept the GCC-brokered plan. He called it "the best path forward for Yemen to become a more secure, unified and prosperous nation."

This represents a change in the U.S. stance toward Saleh, who was considered an ally in fighting al-Qaida's active Yemeni branch.

Opposition spokesman Mohammed al-Sabri said al-Zayyani told the opposition he was leaving because he couldn't get Saleh to sign.

"He said that since they were not able to reach an agreement, he was leaving Sanaa and would not come back," al-Sabri said.

Al-Sabri said Saleh had repeatedly tried to amend the deal by adding conditions that the op-

position rejected.

Ruling party official Yasser al-Yemani confirmed al-Zayyani's departure, adding that Saleh refused to sign until the sit-ins across the country had ended.

"Saleh will not leave power as long as the security situation remains unstable," he said.

The mass protests have posed an unprecedented challenge to Saleh's rule. Several top military commanders and ruling party officials have defected to the opposition, while a crackdown by government forces has reportedly killed more than 150 people.

Yemen, Saudi Arabia's southern neighbor, faced crises even before the protests. It is plagued with widespread corruption, a weak central government, a Shiite rebellion in the north, a secessionist movement in the south and an active branch of al-Qaida in its weakly governed provinces.

She said the first thing he said to her on the phone was "Hey, ma, it's me. It's Jim. I'm fine, we're at a hotel." She said he told her the four were to be taken early Thursday to the border with Tunisia, where they would cross out of Libya.

Three of the journalists—Gillis, who freelances for The Atlantic and USA Today, Foley who writes for the Boston-based news agency GlobalPost and Varela, who works under the name Manu Brabo—were detained on April 5 near the Libyan town of Brega. Chandler was detained separately.

They were freed a day after the Libyan government said it had given them a one-year suspended sentence on charges of illegally entering the country.

Jane Gillis of New Haven, Conn., expressed relief at the news. "We're ecstatic and we are looking forward to seeing her," she said in a Web posting by The Atlantic.

Editor James Bennet said the magazine had been in close

touch with the U.S. government, media colleagues and intermediaries on the ground in Libya. "We're hugely grateful today to diplomats, Americans and others, who have played a role" in securing the release, he said.

The 39-year-old Parvaz, who previously worked as a reporter and columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, disappeared soon after arriving in Syria on April 29 to cover the anti-government protests there; the Damascus government disclosed on May 4 that she had been deported to Iran.

Though she herself was not harmed, Parvaz said that while in Syria, she witnessed the torture of Syrian civilians.

"The beatings I heard almost around the clock were savage," she told the Al-Jazeera network. "The first night they took me out blindfolded and handcuffed into a courtyard, I'm fairly certain to scare me. I heard two separate interrogations and beatings. These young men ... being beaten so harshly."

WORLD BRIEFS

Mexico returns 400 of 513 migrants found in trucks

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP)—Mexican authorities returned about 400 migrants to their native Guatemala Wednesday, a day after they and 113 other migrants were found hidden inside two trailer trucks. Officials of Mexico's National Immigration Institute said the 113 migrants still being held are from nations that don't share borders with Mexico or are Guatemalan minors or women who require special treatment. The 400 Guatemalan migrants were returned to their country in air-conditioned buses Wednesday, a

stark contrast to the sweltering, overcrowded trailers where they were found.

Gunmen kill 9 in Mexican Gulf coast state

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP)—Gunmen opened fired on a group of people at an auto body shop in the Gulf Coast state of Tabasco, killing nine people and badly wounding another, officials said Wednesday. Tabasco had been largely spared the drug-related violence affecting Veracruz and Tamaulipas states, to the north. Eight people were initially killed in the late Tuesday attack in the city of

Cardenas, but a ninth victim died of his wounds on Wednesday. Another badly injured person is being guarded by police at a hospital.

Argentina: Plane with 22 on board missing

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—A commercial airline says one of its planes is missing after declaring an emergency with 22 people on board in southern Argentina. Sol Air Lines says its plane carrying 19 passengers and three crew communicated an emergency while en route from Neuquen near the Andes to Comodoro Rivadavia along the coast of Patagonia.

ASIAN BRIEFS

One year after protests, Thailand still divided

BANGKOK (AP)—Cradling a framed portrait of her slain daughter, Payao Akkhahad approached a soldier outside a barracks in this vast Asian metropolis and delivered a letter asking for something her bereaved family feels it never got: justice. Her only daughter, Kamolkate, was working as a volunteer nurse when gunmen fired into a Buddhist temple complex that was supposed to

Off The Wall

Man eats 25,000th Big Mac, 39 years after his 1st

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP)—A retired prison guard ate his 25,000th Big Mac on Tuesday, 39 years to the day after eating his first ... nine.

Don Gorske was honored after reaching the meaty milestone during a ceremony at a McDonald's in his hometown of Fond du Lac. Surely McDonald's most loyal customer, Guinness World Records recognized Gorske's feat three years and 2,000 Big Macs ago, and the 57-year-old says he has no desire to stop.

"I plan on eating Big Macs until I die," he said. "I have no

intentions of changing. It's still my favorite food. Nothing has changed in 39 years. I look forward to it every day."

The sign beneath the golden arches Tuesday read "Congrats Don Gorske 25000 Big Macs."

Before he ate No. 25,000, he showed dozens of onlookers many of the different styles of cartons he has collected over the years and other Big Mac-related stories.

Before biting into the sandwich, he said, "It's been seven years since 20,000. Same thing goes this year folks. You can't

have the carton and it probably still takes 16 bites for me to finish a Big Mac."

The crowd erupted into applause.

Gorske, who appeared in the 2004 documentary "Super Size Me," which examined the fast food industry, looks nothing like one might expect of a fast food junkie. He's trim and walks regularly for exercise, and he attributes his build to being "hyper-active." He said he was recently given a clean bill of health and that his cholesterol is low. Gorske's obsession with the burger—

two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun, for those not familiar with the once-ubiquitous ads—started May 17, 1972, when he bought three Big Macs to celebrate the purchase of a new car. He was hooked, and went back to McDonald's twice more that day, eating nine before they closed.

He's only gone eight days since without a Big Mac, and most days he eats two. Among the reasons he skipped a day was to grant his mother a dying wish. His last Big Mac-less day was Thanksgiving 2000, when he

forgot to stock up and the store was closed for the holiday.

Gorske said he loves numbers and counting things and was inspired to start counting his burgers because McDonald's noted how many hamburgers were served on their sign.

He said he is probably obsessive compulsive and that he likes repetition and doesn't like change. He said he's kept many of the Big Mac boxes and receipts over the years, and has noted his purchases in calendars he's kept.

McDonald's says there are 540 calories in a Big Mac, which is

more than a quarter of the calories a person on a 2,000-calorie diet would consume. The burger also contains 29 grams of fat and 1,040 grams of sodium, which are both more than 40 percent of the Food and Drug Administration's daily recommended value for a 2,000-calorie diet.

Tara Gidus, a registered dietitian in Orlando, Fla., said she wouldn't recommend Gorske's Big Mac diet, and that he's likely stayed relatively healthy because of good genetics and because he doesn't order a lot of extras, such as fries and sodas.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Pa. man survives lightning strike at campsite

INDUSTRY, Pa. (AP)—Police say a Pennsylvania man has survived a lightning strike while helping set up tents for a Boy Scout outing. Police in the town of Industry say the 49-year-old man was standing by a tree hit when he was struck by a bolt of lightning at about 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Industry officer Aaron Lopez says the man and others were moving scouts and camping supplies off the site as a thunderstorm approached. Lopez says no children were nearby when the man was struck. The man was up and walking around when police arrived, though he was treated later at a hospital for a wound where the lightning bolt apparently exited his body. Police are not identifying the man.

Long lines form after \$1.10-a-gallon LA gas goof

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Word spread quickly about a Los Angeles gas station selling premium unleaded for \$1.10-a-gallon, but it wasn't a promotion. The owner says the too-good-to-be-true price was a computer glitch that cost him \$21,000. Long lines snaked from the pumps at the Valero station in Wilmington on Sunday. Police were even called to control traffic. The Torrance Daily Breeze reports that within four hours, about 7,000 gallons of premium were pumped at the discounted rate. Station owner Kenny Nguyen says the attendant on duty was busy staffing the convenience store and register. He says a price change didn't take, so the system defaulted to the \$1.10 price—a cut of more than \$3 a gallon. Nguyen hopes motorists who got the break come back and pay the real price.

New home for Ohio man's pencil sharpener 'museum'

LOGAN, Ohio (AP)—Tourism officials have made a point of displaying the hundreds of pencil sharpeners collected

by an Ohio minister who died last summer. The Rev. Paul Johnson had kept his collection in a small shed he called his museum, outside his home in Carbon Hill in southeast Ohio. A new home for his more than 3,400 sharpeners was dedicated Friday inside a regional welcome center. The Logan Daily

News reports Johnson started collecting after his wife gave him a few pencil sharpeners as a gift in the late 1980s. He kept them organized in categories, including cats, Christmas and Disneyland. The oldest is 105 years old. An Ohio Senate proclamation calls the new display "a fitting tribute" to Johnson, a

World War II veteran.

Michigan woman dons wedding dress she wore in 1938

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP)—A West Michigan woman has strolled down the aisle in her wedding dress for a second time. The first time came 73 years ago.

Agnes Anderson wore the dress in 1938 when she married her college sweetheart, Delmar Anderson, in Youngstown, Ohio. The Andersons' marriage lasted more than 50 years until Delmar's death in 1989. Her second trip down the aisle came last week at a vintage bridal gown fashion show at a church in Muskegon. The 98-year-

old from Muskegon County's Laketon Township says the dress was in mint condition when she retrieved it from a storage box. Dick Anderson escorted his mother into the church sanctuary and to the altar. The Muskegon Chronicle says the fashion show featured 20 bridal gowns that dated from 1933 to 2006.

In Loving Memory

Raymond "Bo" Frank Alvarez

Familian Alabadu
October 16, 1945 - May 14, 2011

Formerly of Sinajana, residing in Saipan was called home to our heavenly Father at the age of 65.

Entering into eternal life promised by Jesus, he now joins his Father: Arsenio Alvarez, **Mother:** Francisca Taimanglo Navarro Alvarez, and **Mother-in-Law:** Isabel Cabrera Taitano.

His love and memories will continue to live on in the hearts of his

Wife: Linda Mesa Alvarez; **His Children/Spouses/Grandchildren/Great Grand Child:** Ray Jr. "Boss" & Sisi N. Alvarez-(Ray III, Nicholas, Deven, Samuel, Ryder, Vanna), Justis "Cuki" Alvarez & Mariana S. Palacios-(Alverick, Shane, Shaniah, Aldene Jayh (Great Grand), Tioni Mesa Tomokane Alvarez, Josenio Ray Mesa Alvarez.

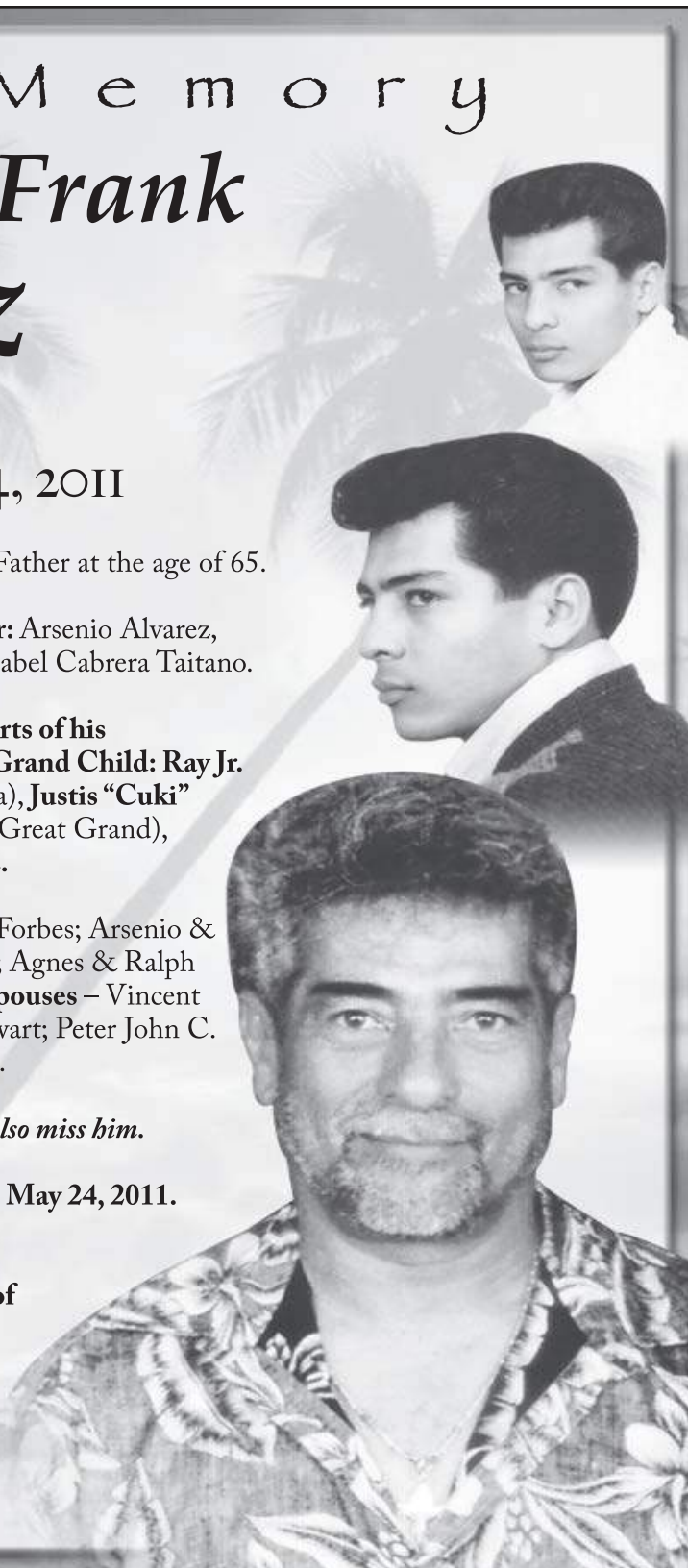
Siblings and Spouses - Enrico and Hope Alvarez Cristobal; Angella Alvarez Forbes; Arsenio & Alice Alvarez; Pedro & Annie Alvarez (dec.); Manuel & Bernadette Alvarez; Agnes & Ralph Hurtado, Fremont, CA; Michael and Fay Alvarez; **(In-Laws) Siblings and Spouses** - Vincent C. & Doris Mesa; Jesse C. & Selina Mesa; Melinda C. Mesa & Darrel V. Stewart; Peter John C. & Tanya F. Mesa; A.J. Taitano & Danielle Enochs, Arizona.

Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, and Friends will also miss him.

Nightly Rosary is being held at San Jose Church at 7:00p.m. until Tuesday, May 24, 2011.
Daily Mass is being held at Kristo Rai Church.

A family and friends prayer and viewing for Bo will be held at Our Lady of Peace in Barrigada, on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Last Respects for Bo will be held in Saipan, CNMI on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan, beginning at 8:00a.m. Mass of a Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00a.m. He will be laid to rest at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery, Marpi, Saipan.



Science & Technology

Google to expand ultra-fast broadband to KC, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—More than a month after Kansas City, Kan., announced it would be the first place to get Google's ultra-fast broadband service, Kansas City, Mo., leaders declared their city the envy of the entire world after the search engine giant said it was expanding the service to their town.

Google announced in March it had picked Kansas City, Kan., as the inaugural site for its "Fiber for Communities" program, which is expected to deliver Internet access 100 times faster than broadband connections offered by telephone and cable companies.

On Tuesday, the company said it had reached a deal with



DAVID EULITT/KANSAS CITY STAR/MCT
In this March 30, 2011, file photo, Milo Medin, Google vice president for access services, speaks about the Internet company's plans to build the first ultra high-speed fiber internet connection network in Kansas City, Kansas beginning in 2012. The announcement took place at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., to run the high-speed fiber optics across the Missouri River and into the city. The first customers are expected to go online sometime in the middle of next year.

"The eyes of the entire world are on this city," said Cindy Circo, a Kansas City, Mo., councilwoman who led the drive to get Google to come to the city. "Tomorrow, they will be talking about us around the world, around the water coolers in London, pointing to us on maps in Hong Kong. To-

morrow, in a hundred different languages in far off corners of the world, people will be saying, 'have you heard of Kansas City?' We were once the capital of the West, songs were written about us and how we were up-to-date. St. Louis even built an arch to let people know how close they were to Kansas City."

High-tech businesses, hospitals, utilities and schools initially would be the biggest beneficiaries of the network, which would provide rapid transmission of data and high-

definition images far beyond what is available now.

As for the value to individuals, one industry analyst said that depends on pricing of the 1 gigabit service, since current available broadband speeds are plenty fast for most applications.

Craig Settles, an analyst who last week visited Chattanooga, Tenn., where a city-owned utility built its own 1 gigabit system, said Google's announcement is a big deal for Kansas City like it was when the Tennessee community announced its plans.

Customizing Firefox with add-ons

By NOAH MATTHEWS
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



If you're not running the Firefox web browser, for either Windows or Mac operating systems, take a moment and download it at www.mozilla.com. It's free, and it's fast, and it has always given Microsoft Explorer a run for its money. I use it exclusively on my Mac, and most of the time with Windows. (I run both operating systems on my Mac, using Parallels for the Mac, which I also recommend.) Oddly, Firefox loads and runs much faster on my Mac than with Windows, but almost any program for both platforms runs faster on the Mac. But I digress.

Firefox has the added advantage of an ever-expanding series of creative and useful add-ons that enhance the browser. There

are scores of add-ons, most written by the same dedicated open platform buffs who contribute their time and efforts to improve Firefox. A software developer sees a need for enhancing Firefox, submits it to Mozilla, and if it makes the grade, it's incorporated into one of the browser's frequent upgrades.

Add-ons will provide shortcuts to shopping, social networks, Web search, games and just about every other endeavor you're likely to consider. Chances are, if a developer sees a need for an add-on that would bathe your ditzzy poodle, it will soon appear. I couldn't find one yet, which is why my standard poodle reeks these days.

One of my favorite Windows add-ons assigns colors to tabs, to make them stand out. Another shows you, via a flag, the country whose website you're visiting. Another lets you split your screen,

and still another shows you the website page you're visiting just by running your cursor over the tab. (To be fair, Explorer has the feature, too.)

Downloading and installing the add-ons takes seconds, but scrolling through all of them will burn up the better part of a day. It's fun, though, and certainly better than bathing your poodle. Add-on developers do ask for "contributions," and some also suggest how much that contribution should be. Most are just a few dollars, which is a small price to pay for a day's entertainment and a browser that does exactly what you want it to do.

Other helpful education, business and utility software can be found at the author's website: www.washingtoncd.net. Contact the author at washed@washingtoncd.net.

A London revival of 'stranded traveler' scam

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

I don't know whether it's because of the recent thefts of email addresses from email outsourcing firm Epsilon and others, but the "stranded in London" scam is popular again.

Last week, a co-worker and I both received copies of a familiar, two-year-old email phishing scheme. Mine appeared to be from a business acquaintance and said:

"Hi Dear,

"Just writing to let you know our trip to London, United Kingdom with my family has been a mess. We were having a great time until last night when we got mugged and lost all my cash, credit card cellphone. It has been a scary experience, I was hit at the back of my neck with a club. Anyway, It was a brutal experience but thank GOD we still have our lives and passport saved. I'm financially strapped right now and need your help. I need you to loan me some money, I'll refund it to you as soon as i arrive home. Write me back so i can tell you how to get it to me."

Like all phishing schemes, it's just a little bit plausible, particularly if you panic and overlook the strange greeting, bad spelling and flawed punctuation.

After notifying my acquaintance that he'd been hacked, I was going to delete the email. But it was Friday the 13th, and this scammer deserved some bad luck. So I emailed back, asking how I could help. A mere half-hour later I had a badly worded reply:

"Glad you replied back to my email as soon as we are back home tomorrow please we would definitely refund..well all we just need is just \$ 1,950 USD but would really appreciate what can help with you can have it wired on my name via Western Union, You can lookup a western union shop near you via the western union website."

The email listed the sender's location as a London address. I wasn't surprised when I couldn't find the address on Google Maps.

The hacker's message also asked that I email him the Western Union confirmation of the money transfer, including the amount I'd sent.

After a little research, I learned that Western Union Money Transfer Control Numbers are 10 digits long. So I made one up and sent it along with the fake claim that I'd transferred \$1,000, all I could afford. The hacker's reply:

"OMG!..i went to the western union office i was fully Embarrassed the number was incorrect please get back to me with the correct number or you can send me the money transfer scan receipt i hope on you please get back to me so that i will not miss my flight..."

My reply:

"OMG, I hope you weren't too embarrassed. But never mind. U.S. Treasury Agents are outside. Do not attempt to leave the building."

You see, the trick with scams is to be just a little bit plausible.

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Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) returns in this fourth entry in the Pirates of the Caribbean film series from Walt Disney Entertainment.



Hoodwinked Too!

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Heidi Klum, Wayne Newton
Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis

Unexpectedly summoned back home in the middle of her training with the mysterious Sisters of the Hood, Red teams up with Wolf to investigate the disappearance of Hansel and Gretel in this animated sequel featuring the voices of Hayden Panettiere, Joan Cusack, Martin Short, and Glenn Close.



Priest

Friday & Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:50
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Paul Bettany, Cam Gigandet
Horror, Western • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Paul Bettany re-teams with Legion director Scott Stewart for this Screen Gems adaptation of the TokyoPop comic. In the film, a priest (Bettany) heads up a team with a sheriff (Cam Gigandet) and a warrior priestess (Maggie Q) to hunt down a vampiric tribe in an attempt to track down his kidnapped niece. True Blood's Stephen Moyer co-stars with 90210's Lily Collins.



Bridesmaids

Friday & Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
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Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph
Comedy drama • Rated R



Something Borrowed

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Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin
Comedy drama • Rated PG 13



Thor

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Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon thru Wed 4:05 7:05

Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
Action • Rated PG 13



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Pitt reflects on paternal side, on screen and off

CANNES, France (AP)—You won't catch Brad Pitt doing fatherhood in a small way, on screen or in his real family life with Angelina Jolie.

In Terrence Malick's "The Tree of Life," which premiered this week at the Cannes Film Festival, Pitt plays a father of three in a drama that deals with the biggest of questions about our place in the cosmos.

In his home life, Pitt and Jolie are parents of six—three biological children, three adopted. For Pitt, who was childless into his 40s after his marriage with Jennifer Aniston broke up, it all happened in just a few years. "I know it seems extreme from the outside, but I've always kind of operated this way. When I know, I know, and why mess around?" Pitt, 47, said in an interview.

"I had a friend who had a big family when I was a kid. I just loved the chaos around the breakfast table and the fighting and the ribbing, and the mom making pancakes for everyone or the dad making pancakes. And I just decided then if I was ever going to do it—this left some indelible mark on me—if I was ever going to do it, that's the way I was going to do it."

The whole Pitt-Jolie clan came to Cannes. Days before they walked the festival's red carpet for "The Tree of Life," Jolie was in the French Riviera resort with Jack Black to promote their animated sequel "Kung Fu Panda 2."

Jolie and Pitt have become Cannes regulars, he with "Babel" and "Inglourious Basterds" and she with "Changeling" and "A Mighty Heart," on which Pitt was a producer.

Pitt had figured on being at Cannes a year ago with "The Tree of Life," but Malick needed more time to finish his rumination on existence, a film so expansive its intimate fam-



AP
Actors Angelina Jolie, left, and Brad Pitt leave following the screening of The Tree of Life at the 64th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France, Monday, May 16, 2011.

ily drama plays out against the backdrop of the universe's creation and the era of dinosaurs.

"This is a great place to air this kind of movie out, certainly," Pitt said. "It's kind of the only place, isn't it?"

Opening in U.S. theaters May 27, "The Tree of Life" had Cannes crowds buzzing, some adoring it, some hating it, and nearly everyone perplexed by it. It follows the impressionistic, nonlinear structure typical of Malick, who made only four previous movies over a nearly 40-year career.

The press-shy director skipped the public appearances usually expected of filmmakers at Cannes. That left Pitt, also a producer on the film, as Malick's ambassador.

The actor charmed a roomful

of reporters for the film's press conference and thrilled fans by shaking hands and signing autographs before walking the red carpet with co-stars Sean Penn and Jessica Chastain.

Malick's last Cannes film was "Days of Heaven," which earned him the festival's directing prize in 1979. It was nearly 20 years before he released another film, "The Thin Red Line." By then, Pitt said, Malick was ill-suited to be the sort of filmmaker-pitchman Hollywood had come to expect.

"When he began making films, there wasn't this pressure to sell them. ... He really is a craftsman at heart. He's almost a carpenter, and he takes a couple decades off and then comes back, and the business has shifted," Pitt said.

"We all have to get out and get the film some notice, so we can keep making films like this, and it's just antithetical to who he is. He's a very humble, humble, sweet, sweet man. He's just not made for it."

Pitt clearly is, though. For rising star Chastain, Pitt was a mentor from the time they shot the film three years ago right up to Monday night's premiere.

"He's helped me a lot on this experience," said Chastain, who plays Pitt's wife. "He is such an expert on it by now. Even during the red carpet, when I was holding Brad and Sean's hands, I was really scared, and I was really shaking, and I just kept thinking, smile, smile, smile. And they would speak to me and tell me what was going on as it was going on."

"They would say, 'Now we're going to go up the stairs, and we'll stop and take a photo.' So I always had a guide, and who's better than Brad, who's excellent at it all?"

Pitt, an Academy Award nominee for 1995's "Twelve Monkeys" and 2008's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," has built his career on commercial hits—the "Ocean's Eleven" capers and his and Jolie's thriller "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"—and challenging sagas such as "Babel" and "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford."

Due out late this year is the baseball tale "Moneyball," in which Pitt plays Oakland A's boss Billy Beane, who reinvented the cash-driven game by scouting diamond-in-the-rough players on a shoestring budget.

Pitt just finished shooting the crime thriller "Cogan's Trade" with his "Jesse James" director Andrew Dominik, and he's about to start on "World War Z," about the sociopolitical upheaval that ensues after a zombie outbreak.

Co-ed can't escape shadow of longtime high school rival

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: "Maya" and I competed throughout high school. We shared common interests -- even friends, who would blow me off to hang out with her.

We were involved in speech and debate and were nominated for the girls' state team. I was deemed "too qualified," so Maya got the nomination. She ran against me for speech president and I won by a huge margin. Then the coach decided she wanted us to be "co-presidents" and announced to everyone that the vote was tied. I was one-upped constantly.

Later, to my chagrin, I discovered we'd be going to the same college. I was told I'd probably never see her because of the large campus. Well, last semester she joined two activities I'm involved in. We rushed for a prestigious pre-law organization. She was accepted; I wasn't.

As it turns out, we both want to go to the same law school and become corporate attorneys.

Maya is pretty, popular and charming. I am plain and by no means popular. I can't stand to lose one more thing to her. After all these coincidences, we'll probably end up in the same law firm. What can I do to stop feeling so awful about myself as Maya continues to take away all the things I care about most?

TIRED OF SECOND PLACE

DEAR TIRED: Your high school speech coach's obvious favoritism for Maya was terrible, and for that I am sorry. But you have allowed your feelings of being constantly one-upped to become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Stop concentrating on Maya and start devoting all of your attention to yourself and your goals. While good looks and charm are powerful assets, so are being brilliant, self-assured and accomplished in one's field. Let the future take care of itself and you may be pleasantly surprised to find out that she's not in it. Or if she is, that she's no longer the focus of your obsession and you are BOTH successful.

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DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Kyle," lives with his mother in a nearby town. I have always tried to be a good father, but despite countless phone calls, visits and vacations together we never really bonded.

Kyle is a smart, nice kid, but he has no hobbies, no friends, no girlfriends or interests that I have ever seen. He rarely leaves the house except for school. I haven't been able to get him to engage in a sport or activity with me or show any type of "normal" kid behavior.

He spent part of last summer with me, and when I asked him questions about his life and wanted to take him for a doctor's exam (he's never had one!), he begged his mom to come "rescue" him, which she did. She refuses to discuss this and says Kyle's just shy.

I feel I must do something, but what? Maybe if my ex reads this she'll listen to someone else. Abby, don't you see a possible problem here?

DADDY IN THE DARK IN TEXAS

DEAR DADDY IN THE DARK: I certainly do. And had you intervened while your son was still a minor, there might have been some way to have had him medically and psychologically evaluated. But he's an adult now. And unless he is willing to admit there is a problem and seek help for it, there isn't a darn thing you can do at this late date. If there are other male family members Kyle trusts, you might try recruiting their assistance.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Schwarzenegger child report spurs media frenzy

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—The revelation that Arnold Schwarzenegger has an out-of-wedlock child with a former employee turned into a tabloid frenzy Wednesday, as scores of reporters and photographers swarmed a quiet suburban cul-de-sac in the middle of California farm country amid unconfirmed reports it was the home of the child's mother. The woman was not at the Bakersfield home when the flash mob arrived, its satellite TV trucks filling her quiet Bakersfield street and spilling onto another one. The media descended after the woman's name surfaced in several Internet reports. Schwarzenegger's office declined to discuss whether the woman is the mother of the former governor's child. A photo of the boy posted on the woman's Myspace page shows a fairly strong resemblance to Schwarzenegger, particularly when the actor-bodybuilder-politician was younger.

Macchio: 'Dancing' judges' comments were 'rude'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ralph Macchio

feels like the judges on "Dancing With the Stars" didn't give him a fair shake. The "Karate Kid" star was kicked off the hit ABC show Tuesday, and after the credits rolled, he told reporters he "felt circled as the one couple that didn't get praise and built up like the others did." The 49-year-old actor said that some of the comments made Monday by judges Carrie Ann Inaba, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli were "rude and disrespectful." Tonioli was briefly bleeped while making his remarks, during which he also referred to Macchio's professional partner, Karina Smirnoff, as "a pussycat." Smirnoff was wearing a leopard-print cat suit for the performance. The couple earned the lowest scores of the night.

Label sues Tim McGraw for breach of contract

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Tim McGraw and Curb Records could be headed to court over an unreleased album. The independent record label filed a breach-of-contract lawsuit last week against McGraw, claiming the country superstar failed to provide a fifth and final album that met contractual obligations under their deal by an April deadline.

McGraw turned in an album last fall called "Emotional Traffic," and a No. 1 single from those sessions has been released. But the label contends the singer did not record the songs on the album during a contractually stipulated window, thus breaking the deal. A spokeswoman for McGraw said in a statement Wednesday that McGraw believes he has met the terms of the contract.

Rosie Perez sues producers of 'Law & Order: SVU'

NEW YORK (AP)—Academy Award-nominated actress Rosie Perez is suing the producers of television's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," alleging she was injured during the filming of a 2009 episode in New York City. Perez says in the lawsuit filed Wednesday that she was "recklessly pulled, grabbed, yanked, wrenched and/or manhandled" during filming of the "Hard-wired" episode on Sept. 9, 2009. Her attorney, Brian O'Dwyer, tells the New York Daily News that his client is suffering severe pain and has numbness in her arms. He says she has been out of work for about a year. The lawsuit names the producers of the show, which is broadcast on NBC.

James leads Heat past Bulls for 1-1 tie



AP
Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) dunks over Chicago Bulls forward Carlos Boozer, left, and center Joakim Noah during the first quarter of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—LeBron James came up big down the stretch and scored 29 points, Dwyane Wade added 24 and the Miami Heat beat the Chicago Bulls 85-75 Wednesday night to tie the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece.

The Heat can breathe a little easier after escaping with a win and stealing home-court advantage. Coming off a lopsided loss in Game 1, they recovered down the stretch after blowing an 11-point lead to pull even in the series, with Game 3 in Miami on Sunday.

James shook off a brutal opener and scored nine points over the final 4:27, starting with a 3-pointer that put Miami ahead for good, 76-73. He also had 10 rebounds, and Miami outrebounded the Bulls 45-41 after getting pounded 45-33 on the glass in the opener.

Despite battling a head cold, it was big turnaround after he managed just 15 points on 5-for-15 shooting while being harassed by Luol Deng in Game 1.

"I put it all on the line tonight and did whatever it took for our team to win," James said.

Wade also looked more like a superstar after scoring 18 on Sunday. Udonis Haslem, whom Heat coach Erik Spoelstra called "an absolute championship warrior," provided a spark off the bench with 13 points, and the Heat beat the Bulls for the first time this season even though

Chris Bosh scored just 10 after pouring in 30 in the opener.

Derrick Rose led Chicago with 21 points but scored just two in the fourth quarter. Deng, the only other Bulls player in double figures, added 13 but had just four after the opening period.

Joakim Noah had nine points but only eight rebounds. Taj Gibson provided a spark in the fourth quarter, scoring all of his eight points. Carlos Boozer, however, was a non-factor with seven points and eight rebounds.

The Bulls missed countless layups and got outshot 47.1 percent to 34.1 percent. They were just 3 of 20 on 3-pointers and 16 of 26 at the foul line while getting beat on the glass.

They had no answer for James down the stretch, either, and came up short when it looked like they might find a way to pull this one out.

"We played a low-energy offense, a low-energy defense and the result was not good," coach Tom Thibodeau said.

The Heat led by 11 late in the third, only to see the Bulls wipe it all out all in the fourth, with Gibson providing a big spark.

He cut it to 71-69 early in the fourth with back-to-back jumpers for his first points of the game, pumping both arms after the second shot went in.

Then, he tied it at 73 with 7:16 left after Haslem lost the ball out of bounds, drawing more roars from the crowd, but the teams traded misses for about

three minutes before James put Miami ahead with a 3. Then, he scored again with 3:15 left to make it 78-73.

Gibson delivered a slam over three defenders and got fouled by Wade, the same guy he delivered a poster-worthy dunk on in Game 1, to make it a three-point game with 2:29 left, but missed the free throw.

James then put back his own miss and nailed a 20-footer to make it 84-75 with 47 seconds left.

"That fourth quarter is going to epitomize this entire series," Spoelstra said. "It's an absolute street fight for both teams."

The Heat looked like they were ready to pull away in the

third, going on a 10-0 run after Rose hit two free throws to cut it to 57-56 with 5:14 left.

Haslem blocked Deng and dunked on Keith Bogans for a three-point play to start the run.

James then stole a pass from Noah and broke the other way for a three-point play, then picked off another by Deng, leading to a layup for Wade. Haslem, who hadn't been playing much, threw down another vicious fast-break dunk on Rose to finish the run, crashing to the court as the lead reached 11,

but the Bulls answered with six straight to stay in it.

"I talked to him two days ago, and there was a look in his eye," Spoelstra said of Haslem. "I've been through a lot of battles with that warrior, and I knew it was time to put him in."

The Heat got 17 points from Wade in the first half, 14 from James and hit 17 of 33 shots. Even so, they were only up 48-46.

One reason: turnovers. They committed nine in the half, leading to 11 points for the Bulls.

Deng also got off to a good

start for Chicago, scoring nine in the first quarter. He started and ended a 12-1 run late in the period with dunks, turning a 14-9 deficit into a 21-15 lead.

His most impressive shot, though? That was at the end of the quarter.

Miami's Mike Miller had just scored on a layup after Gibson blocked a driving Juwan Howard, when Deng launched a 41-footer from the right side that swished threw the net as the buzzer sounded, making it 26-19 and sending the crowd into a frenzy.

Kahn: I was joking. The NBA lottery is not fixed.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Timberwolves president David Kahn says his comments about the NBA draft lottery were intended as a joke, simply a tongue-in-cheek resignation that fate gave Cleveland the first pick ahead of luck-lacking Minnesota.

After the Cavaliers beat out the Wolves for the top spot Tuesday, Kahn said with a smirk to a group of reporters, "This league has a habit—and I am just going to say habit—of producing some pretty incredible story lines."

Kahn pointed to Washington sending the widow of longtime owner Abe Pollin last year and getting the first pick. Cleveland had owner Dan Gilbert's 14-year-old son, who has battled disease since birth, on hand for good luck this time. The Cavaliers got exactly that in the annual pingpong ball pop-up.

"He beat me tonight. He took all of us down," Kahn said of Nick Gilbert.

Minnesota has never secured the first pick in 14 entries in the lottery. Not only that, but this was the first time the Wolves moved up a spot in the order. They had the third pick twice, in 2008 (O.J. Mayo, traded to Memphis for Kevin Love) and 1992 (Christian Laettner).

The Wolves went a league-worst 17-65 last season. The Cavaliers were 19-63.

Kahn, in a statement sent Wednesday by the Wolves to

The Associated Press, said he wasn't suggesting a conspiracy of any kind.

"I don't believe in jinxes, curses (or) hocus pocus, and I certainly don't think we were wronged," Kahn said. "But I do believe in the power of story, and I joked last night that it's a heck (of a) better story for a 14-year-old kid to beat out a couple of middle-aged executives standing together on a stage on national TV—and that our league seems to always have its own share of luck in being a part of these stories."

Kahn added: "That was the entire meaning of what I said last night in a joking fashion and what I believe was received in such fashion."

Gilbert said Wednesday he was aware of Kahn's comments, but hadn't yet had a chance to review them.

"I haven't had a lot of time to go deep on that," Gilbert said in Cleveland, meeting with the media at Quicken Loans Arena. "But I will. I'll check it all out."

There was no immediate word from the NBA on Wednesday about whether Kahn will be reprimanded or punished, despite his joking intent. Kahn was fined \$50,000 last summer for remarking on the radio that Wolves forward Michael Beasley was "a very young and immature kid who smoked too much marijuana" while he was playing in Miami.

The Wolves had a 25 percent

chance of getting the first pick and a 21.51 percent chance of choosing second this year. In 18 years of the NBA's current system, only twice has the team with the best odds kept the first pick—Cleveland in 2003 and Orlando in 2004.

The Wolves also have the 20th pick in the first round this year, thanks to a previous trade with Utah.

"I don't think we need to make some huge fundamental changes. I think we need to continue to be patient and let the young players develop like the Oklahoma City and Memphis franchises have done the last couple of years," Kahn said after the lottery, "but I think that it's important for us to re-evaluate everything and make certain we can put this group together."

Point guard Kyrie Irving of Duke and Arizona forward Derrick Williams are widely considered the top two prospects this year. Kahn said he's still planning for point guard Ricky Rubio to join the team from Spain. Rubio was the fifth pick in the 2009 draft.

"We took Ricky two years ago with the understanding that he wouldn't be able to come right away but he would be able to come someday," Kahn said, adding: "We anticipate him being on the team in the future, just as we did all of the other players on our roster. So certainly, it's part of the mindset, yes."

Woods to fall out of top 10 in world ranking



For his golf, Tiger Woods is about to fall out of the top 10 in the world for the first time in 14 years.

For his star power, he still ranks ahead of any other athlete.

Woods, whose last win came 18 months ago at the Australian Masters, will drop to at least No. 11 in the next world ranking published Monday. It will be the first time he is out of the top 10 since he was No. 13 on April 6, 1997, the week before he won the Masters for the first of his 14 majors.

Forbes, meanwhile, says he's still the No. 1 celebrity in the sports world.

Woods checks in at No. 6 on Forbes' annual "Celebrity 100" list of the most powerful people or groups in the entertainment business. Lady Gaga tops the overall rankings, followed by Oprah Winfrey, Justin Bieber, U2 and Elton John.

Miami Heat star LeBron James is the second-ranked athlete behind Woods at No. 10. Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers is No. 14.

Forbes estimated Woods' total earnings last year to be \$75 million, making him the highest-paid athlete. The magazine put Bryant's earnings for the last 12 months at \$53 million,

followed by James at \$48 million and four-time major winner Phil Mickelson at \$47 million.

Woods won't be able to improve on his golf ranking anytime soon.

He started the year at No. 2 and has been steadily dropping points. Woods, who tied for fourth at the Masters last month, withdrew from The Players Championship last week because of injuries to his left knee and left Achilles. He said on his website Monday that he will try to return June 16-19 at the U.S. Open.

"I'll do whatever is necessary to play in the U.S. Open, and I'm hopeful I can be there to

compete," he said.

Woods has been atop the world ranking for 623 weeks in his career, by far the longest of any golfer since the ranking began in 1986. He had been No. 1 from June 2005 until Lee Westwood of England supplanted him last November.

Since revelations of adultery emerged Thanksgiving night in 2009, Woods has seriously contended in only one tournament—he lost in a playoff at Chevron World Challenge in December after losing a four-shot lead in the final round. He has been in the top five in only four other tournaments.

Hamels, Rollins lead Phillies past Rockies



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

Cole Hamels threw eight impressive innings and Jimmy Rollins drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Colorado Rockies 2-1 on Wednesday to end a four-game losing streak.

Hamels (5-2) allowed one run and five hits, striking out eight for his first victory against the Rockies. He entered 0-3 with an 8.22 ERA in three career starts against Colorado, including two in the postseason.

Ryan Madson finished for his seventh save in seven chances.

Pirates 5, Reds 0

At Cincinnati, Charlie Morton threw a five-hitter for his second career shutout and Pedro Alvarez hit a three-run homer to help Pittsburgh end a six-game losing streak.

Morton (5-1) avoided heavy rain for a change and stymied Cincinnati again. He threw a five-hitter for a 6-1 victory at Great American Ball Park on April 15, coming within one out of his second career shutout.

Mets 3, Nationals 0

At New York, Jonathon Niese pitched seven sharp innings, some of them in heavy rain, and Justin Turner added to his surprising tear with a two-run double in New York's victory over Washington.

With maybe a few thousand hardy souls in the stands on another wet night at Citi Field, the Mets' depleted lineup scratched out enough offense to help Niese (3-4) win his second consecutive start.

Giants 8, Dodgers 5

At Los Angeles, Cody Ross hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the ninth inning as San Francisco rebounded after Los Angeles leveled it with a three-run rally in the eighth.

Juan Uribe hit a two-run double and scored the tying run on James Loney's single during the Dodgers' dramatic two-out rally in the eighth against Giants closer Brian Wilson (4-1).

Cubs 7, Marlins 5

At Miami, Marlon Byrd hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning as Chicago beat Florida to end a three-game losing streak.

Reed Johnson hit his third career pinch-hit home run for the Cubs to make the score 5-all in the sixth. They took the lead on Byrd's second homer against Edward Mujica (4-2) leading off the eighth.

Cardinals 5, Astros 1

At St. Louis, Kyle Lohse threw eight dominant innings to beat Houston for the second time in less than a month, leading St. Louis to its third straight victory.

Lohse (5-2) allowed a run on six hits in eight innings, his

fourth outing of eight or more innings, and has a 2.17 ERA. He was 4-8 with a 6.55 ERA last year while battling a forearm injury that required surgery in May.

Diamondbacks 5, Braves 4, 11 innings

At Phoenix, Ryan Roberts scored from third base off Justin Upton's grounder with a drawn-in infield in the 11th inning to give Arizona a comeback victory over Atlanta.

Atlanta took a 4-3 lead with two out in the top of the 11th on pinch-hitter Diory Hernandez's RBI single.

Brewers 5, Padres 2

At San Diego, Yovani Gallardo struck out nine batters to win his third straight start and Mark Kotsay had three hits and two RBIs for Milwaukee.

Gallardo (5-2) held San Diego to two runs and five hits in six innings. John Axford pitched the ninth his 10th save in 12 chances.

Kotsay, who was with the Padres from 2001-03, had an RBI single in the fourth and an RBI double in the sixth. Corey Hart also had three hits.

Yankees 4, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Robinson Cano doubled in two runs in the 15th inning as the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles after Mariano Rivera blew a one-run lead in the ninth.

After Mike Gonzalez gave up Cano's double, he struck Chris Dickerson in the head with a fastball. Gonzalez was immediately ejected, and Dickerson remained motionless on the ground for several minutes. After being helped to his feet, Dickerson walked to first base before leaving the game.

Mark Teixeira led off the 15th with a single off Jeremy Accardo (2-1). Rodriguez followed with a single, and Cano hit a liner to right-center that Adam Jones bobbled, allowing Cano to take third.

Gonzalez then hit Dickerson. With Baltimore out of relief pitchers, Jeremy Guthrie — the scheduled starter for Thursday — came in and gave up a sacrifice fly to Brett Gardner.

New York's Hector Noesi (1-0) worked four innings in his major league debut, allowing two hits.

Red Sox 1, Tigers 0

At Boston, Jarrod Saltalamacchia doubled off the wall in left field in the eighth inning, scoring Carl Crawford from first base and sending Boston over Detroit for its fifth straight victory.

Boston's Clay Buchholz and Detroit's Phil Coke each pitched seven shutout innings. Then Daniel Bard, who replaced Buchholz to start the eighth, threw one pitch before the game was delayed for 26 minutes by rain. When play resumed, Bard (1-3)

retired the side in order.

White Sox 1, Indians 0

At Chicago, Jake Peavy allowed just three hits in his home debut this season, outpitching Justin Masterson and making Adam Dunn's sacrifice fly in the first inning stand up in Chicago's victory over Cleveland.

Peavy (1-0) struck out eight to cool off a Cleveland lineup that scored 31 runs in its three previous games. The 29-year old right-hander had his fifth career shutout and ninth complete game. He allowed only one runner past first base, did not walk a batter and threw 111 pitches.

Rays 6, Blue Jays 5

At Toronto, Matt Joyce homered, and Elliot Johnson had three RBIs to help Tampa Bay snap Toronto's winning streak at six games.

Rays rookie right-hander Jeremy Hellickson (5-2) won his fourth straight start, allowing four runs, three earned, and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. Kyle Farnsworth gave up a run in the ninth when Yunel Escobar's grounder drove in Rajai Davis, but held on for his ninth save in 10 opportunities.

Mariners 3, Angels 0

At Seattle, Jason Vargas pitched seven innings for Seattle to run his scoreless streak to 16 innings, denying Jered Weaver another chance at becoming the first pitcher in the majors to reach seven wins.

Vargas (3-2) allowed four

singles. Jack Cust had two RBI singles, and Justin Smoak added an RBI double.

Weaver (6-4) dropped his fourth straight decision. Los Angeles has lost six of seven.

Rangers 5, Royals 4, 11 innings

At Kansas City, Missouri, Adrian Beltre hit a two-run single off Jeremy Jeffress in the 11th inning, lifting Texas past rookie-laden Kansas City.

Jeffress (1-1) walked the bases full with one out in the ninth, running Kansas City's walk total for the night to 13. Beltre, who also had an RBI fielder's choice in the third, delivered a solid single into center, allowing Endy Chavez to score easily and Ian Kinsler to score on a close play at the plate.

Twins 4, Athletics 3, 10 innings

At Oakland, California, Trevor Plouffe hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning for his season-high third RBI as Minnesota beat Oakland for its second straight victory following a nine-game losing streak.

Pinch-hitter Delmon Young singled to open the inning and advanced to third when Daric Barton threw Alexi Casilla's bunt into the outfield. After Denard Span grounded out, Plouffe hit a flyball to right field off Brian Fuentes (1-4). Joe Nathan (1-1) got two outs for the win, pitching out of trouble in the ninth. Matt Capps got three outs for his seventh save.

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Armatech, Team Joey advance to semis

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Armatech and Team Joey completed the semis cast in the Saipan Marianas Lions Club-Civic Center Inter-Color Friendship Basketball League after downing separates foes at the Civic Center Court in Susupe.

Armatech slipped past Olivos in the final quarterfinal game last Wednesday, 84-79, while Team Joey pulled off a come-from-behind 84-73 triumph over Team Pastor last Tuesday. With the wins, Armatech and Team Pastor will face Team Morales and C-GOM, respectively, in the semifinals this weekend.

The battle for the last semis seat was a close one with Armatech escaping with a win as Olivos missed crucial free throws and committed an error in the homestretch.

Armatech was up by only four, 79-75, with 2:15 left, when Olivos' Dexter Tenorio muffed

Armatech's Ferdie Tobias, center, drives against two Olivos defenders during their playoff game in the Lions Club caging last Wednesday at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

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Fielders, Angels, Ol'Aces win in SML

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Shell Fielders and St. Michael's Angels notched wins, while the Tan Holdings Brewers dropped two in row as the Saipan Major League season continued at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Fielders improved their win-loss card to 6-0 with a 7-5 victory over the Brewers (2-5) last Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Angels shut out the Sen. Crisostomo D-9ers (4-4), 10-0, in seven innings last Friday and the IT&E Ol'Aces (3-4) edged the Brewers, 13-12, last May 11.

The Masters (2-4) played the Fielders last Wednesday and then faced the IT&E last night. Details of those matchups will be released Saturday.

Fielders 7, Brewers 5

Fielders broke the ice with two runs in the top of the first inning. John Reyes led off with a walk and scored off a wild pitch and Wenser Namelo drew a walk and stole home plate.

Brewers answered with two runs in the bottom of the second off an error and an RBI knock by Mike Pangelinan and then took the lead, 4-2, in the third off two more errors.

Fielders got a run back in the top of the fifth of a sacrifice fly



Tan Holdings Brewers catcher Manny Sablan blocks the plate from Shell Fielders' Ionis Rasa, but lost the ball in last Tuesday's Saipan Major League game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

by Ben Flores and took the lead, 5-4, in the eighth off a couple of wild pitches.

Fielders' Shane Mendiola then ripped a two-RBI single in the ninth and his team held the Brewers to just a run in the final stand.

Fielders' Ton Tenorio batted 4-for-5 with a run and three stolen bases.

Winning pitcher Elton Santos went the distance and gave up one earned run off seven hits and two walks with seven strikeouts.

Angels 10, D-9ers 0

Angels' Thomas Joab drove home Jesus Iguel in the first inning with an infield hit for the early 1-0 lead.

Iguel then scored again off an error in the third frame allowing the Angels to jump ahead, 5-0,

in the fourth off four hits, a walk, and a bean ball; runs scored off an error, a wild pitch, and an RBI single by Tyrone Omar.

Fielders then added a run off an error in the sixth and mustered the four runs needed to secure the early decision in the seventh off an error, an RBI single by Hector Efraim, and a two-RBI base rip by Dave Camacho.

Winning pitcher Dung Tenorio was all business and went all seven and gave up three hits in the shutout with a walk and two strikeouts; D-9ers only managed four base runners all game.

Efraim batted 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs, while Iguel swang 2-for-3 with two runs, a base on balls, and a pair of stolen bases.

his chances to slice the lead to two, missing a pair of charities. After the muffed free throws, Olivos still had an opportunity to move closer, as Armatech faltered on its two offensive sets. However, Tenorio had another

booboo when he was caught for a traveling violation on a fast-break play.

When possession returned to Armatech, point guard Ferdie Tobias ran the clock well before scooting in for a layup, giving

his team an 81-75 lead.

Olivos answered with a split from Dante Olivos, 76-81, and stayed alive when Brendon Talanina canned a baseline triple on his second attempt from downtown.

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Hocog tops VFW Battle of Champions



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Participants in the VFW Post 3457 Battle of Champions 9-Ball Tournament pose for a group photo last Sunday.



Victor Hocog bested 15 other cue artists to rule the VFW Post 3457 Battle of Champions 9-Ball Tournament last Sunday.

Hocog clinched the championship after beating Mark Butac in the finals. Hocog went on to win \$70 and trophy, while Butac settled for \$45. Rowel Mariano and Erwin Gomez placed third and fourth and went home with

\$30 and \$15, respectively.

A victory over Eric Caisip moved Hocog to the second round. Hocog was up next against Taylor Watanabe and won anew to make it to the quarterfinals. Hocog extended his winning run to three when he prevailed over Jimmy Wang. Then he faced Butac in the winner's bracket semifinals and won to clinch the first finals berth.

Butac, who defeated Eugene Borja, Rowel Mariano, and Gomez in the early rounds, dropped to the loser's bracket after bowing to Hocog. In the loser's bracket semis, Butac had a rematch against Mariano and

the former won anew to have a second crack at Hocog.

Last Sunday's Battle of Champions was the culmination of the weekly competition among the best billiard players on island for four months. Weekly winners earned slots to the double-elimination tournament.

Other qualifiers were Simon Kapileo, Rico Montano, Bryan Nelves, Robert Sanciango, Chester Cuento, Mike Pangelinan, Jerry Soriano, and Ron Chisato.

The new season of the Battle of Champions will start this Saturday. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

New division in UFO caging

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Youth cagers will now be able to play in the 2011 UFO Inter-Organizational Basketball League when the competition kicks off next month.

United Filipino Organization's Paul Madriaga said they are having a midget division for this year's league and players in the U19 age group are invited to join the UFO caging. Madriaga added that games in the midget division will be played every Saturday only at the TSL Sports Complex in Middle Road. Entrance fee is only \$600, including uniforms and organizers are hoping to lure at least six teams.

Besides the midget division, the UFO league will also have competition in two other age groups—the Masters for 40-and-above and the Open division for 19 to 39 years old.

Entrance fee for both divisions are \$750, but teams have an option to turn in only \$500 provided they pay for their own uniforms. UFO is looking to have six to eight squads in each division.

Games in the Masters and Open divisions will be played every Tuesday and Thursday

with teams in Masters suiting up in the first game.

League organizers are eyeing a July 10 opening for the competition so interested squads are encouraged to hook up with various UFO-affiliated groups for their team names. The league is also looking for sponsors in this year's caging.

Last year, the Ali'i Konflikt-sponsored MAFEA ruled the open division of the UFO after sweeping dethroned champion MDX-Chow Queen in a best-of-three championship series.

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt won Game 1 in overtime, 103-96, and wrapped up the short series after a 95-90 victory in Game 2.

In the masters division, Cabalen-Wings Travel foiled a MAFEA sweep, winning the one-game finals in a comeback fashion, 86-85.

The Ebisuya-supported MAFEA led by as much as 15 in the third period and was up by seven in the last two minutes of the game, but collapsed in the end.

Meanwhile, interested teams for this year's UFO caging are advised to wait for announcement of meetings. For more information, contact Bong Malasarte at 287-5525 or at bong@malasarte.com or Madriaga at 287-4501 or at madriaga@pti-com.com.



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12 named top athletes in All Schools



Tammy Ackerman, right, leads the first lap of the 1,500m race in the U12 division of the All Schools Athletics Championships early this month at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Twelve students stood out in the 2011 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships and will be honored in a brief ceremony today at McDonald's Middle Road.



Matansa clinches girls U15 crown

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Matansa avenged its second round loss to Paire Football Club after pulling off a 1-0 win in their third and last meeting in the girls U15 division of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

It was sweet revenge for Matansa, as the victory also helped the team secure the divi-

sion championship. Matansa improved to a 6-1-1 win-draw-loss slate and 19 points with one game left in the season. Paire dropped to a 4-2-2 mark and 14 points and even if it wins over MP United and Matansa bows to Tan Holdings in tomorrow's games, the Lindsay Davis-coached Matansa will still finish on top of the field.

The girls U15 championship and two other titles (boys U15 and U18) will be awarded to the teams with the most points in their respective divisions after the three-round robin competition.



A Matansa Football Club striker uses her knee to dribble the ball during their game against MP United in Week 7 of the NMIFA youth league U15 division at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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The list includes Marianas High School's Lia Rangamar, Rachel Abrams, Ryan Ichihara, and Jim Laccina, Hopwood Junior High School's Juan Babauta, Saipan Community School's Lydin Johnson and Tammy Ackerman,
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Andrea Camacho sealed the U15 title for Matansa when she scored the lone goal in the crucial game last weekend. Camacho now has five goals this season for the second best in the league behind teammate Tahlia Hideo, who has earned 12 so far.

In the other U15 game last Saturday, MP United (2-4-2) was awarded a win by forfeiture against Tan Holdings (0-1-7). MP United will close out the season with its 3pm game against Paire, while Matansa and Tan Holdings will play in the last match at 4:30pm.

BOYS U15 MP United 4, Tan Holdings 0

In the boys U15 game at the Oleai
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WALTER CEPEDA-SUTHERLAND

Man Amigos' Julian Camacho, pictured in this file photo, smashed three homeruns for 14 RBIs in the last two Chamolinian softball league games to help his team improve to third place in the men's standings.

Phat Boyz holds off UR Balls, 17-16

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Phat Boyz withstood a seven-run rally in the last inning to beat UR Balls, 17-16, as the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2nd Annual Budweiser Slow-Pitch Softball League

continued Wednesday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

The win was the 10th in 11 outings for Phat Boyz, while the loss dropped UR Balls to an even 6-6 card. Phat Boyz remains second in the men's standings behind undefeated Natibu (14-0).

In other games last Wednesday, Island Apparel-X-clusive
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Tight race for Golden Boot



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MP United Football Club's Jawn Joyner, seen here breaking away for a goal against Shirley's Football Club, is tied with Matansa's Sean Perez for the most goals made so far in the boys U15 division with 13.

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MP United's Jawn Joyner and Matansa's Sean Perez are in a neck-and-neck race for the most goals scored so far in the boys U15 division of the 2011

NMIFA Youth Spring League. Joyner has scored 13 goals in seven games, getting two during their 4-0 win over Tan Holdings FC last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex. Perez, which led the league in
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